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Mr. BRADBURY'S K
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TRULY STATED:

CONTAINING,

- I. A Genuine and undisguised **NARRATIVE** of the whole Affair; the Cause and Origin of the Prosecution minutely traced; and the Plots contrived, and Schemes laid, to destroy his Life and Character manifestly detected.
- II. A REVIEW of the Trial, with REMARKS and Observations thereon; shewing the many Falsities, Inconsistencies, and Contradictions of the Evidence given in Court.
- III. The several **RECANTATIONS, LETTERS,** and other Papers, produced in Court, written, sign'd, and acknowledged by **JAMES HEARNE** the Prosecutor, but never before published.

To which are added,

The **DEPOSITIONS** of a great Number of Witnesses, who were ready, but not examined on the Trial, being prevented by the Prosecutor's confessing his Perjury.

False Witnesses did rise up; they laid Things to my Charge which I knew not. PSALM xxxv. ii.

Then said they, Come, and let us devise Devices against him: Come, and let us smite him with the Tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his Words. JER. xviii. 8.

Written by **HIMSELF.**

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HOW unwilling soever I am to appear in public on so strange an Occasion ; yet the severe Necessity I am under of vindicating my Character, notwithstanding my honourable Acquittal in a Court of Judicature, will, I presume, excuse this Appeal to all candid and dispassionate Persons. As I had no Favour or Indulgence shewn me by the Court (as indeed it was not proper I should in a Charge of so high a Nature) more than is allowed to the worst of Criminals that stand at the Bar ; so neither do I now, in this Second Trial (if I may so call it) by the public Voice, desire or expect any one to judge more favourably of my Cause, than he is convinced that Truth and Justice are on my Side. Great is my Affliction, that the Sentence of the Law has not been able to stop the Mouths of my Enemies, who still continue to load me with Infamy ; and being mad with Rage, that their wicked Design upon my Life was defeated, their Malice will know no Rest till they have ruined my good Name, by insinuating, that tho' I was acquitted by the Law, yet that there are Grounds enough to believe, I am not altogether so innocent as I would persuade the World to believe. This only has obliged me to take up my Pen in my own Vindication : For, in my Opinion, no Man, who makes a just Estimate of his Reputation, would acquiesce under such a horrible Scandal, without using all the justifiable Means in his Power to refute it.

But farther : Should I make no Reply, but tacitly submit to all the Outrages, and malevolent and spiteful Detractions of my Persecutors, I should afford them a new Handle for
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their Insults, and to boast, that my Silence is a plain Confession of my Guilt; and if I speak for myself, I am told, I am too much interested to deserve Credit. So that which Way soever I turn myself, whether I speak, or am silent, such is their inveterate Malice, they will give me no Quarter; but I must still be guilty, because they have no other Way to clear themselves of the odious Imputation of combining and confederating together in a Scheme to take away my Life, in a Manner the most ignominious that our Laws inflict on the worst of Criminals; and this for a Crime, of which they themselves never believed (as is evident from the whole Course of the Trial, and their own Declarations both before and since) I was ever guilty.

My Friends therefore, who are convinced of my Innocence, have joined Heart and Hand in my Defence, and resolved to stand by me, as far as Truth and their own Conviction will bear them out, to oppose this Torrent of Scandal, which had well-nigh overwhelmed me in Destruction. Many of these Friends, tho' ready, were not called upon the Trial, and those who were examin'd, did not go thro' half their Evidence, being prevented by the Prosecutor's Confession of his Perjury.

Upon the whole, I am persuaded it will appear to the Judgment of every unprejudiced Reader, that the Injuries I have suffered, and the Malice of my Enemies, are equally unparalell'd, and that it is as little in the Power as it is in the Inclination of these Miscreants, to make me an adequate Satisfaction.

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Page 36. Line 1. for *I did*, read *they did*. Page 43. Line 31. for *Mrs. Pickering's*, read *Mr. Kipling's*,



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THE Concern which every honest
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 unblemish'd, will, I presume, be a
 sufficient Apology for troubling the
 Public with this Vindication of my-
 self from that Heap of Obliquy and Scandal un-
 der which I have long labour'd. 'Tis true, I
 have been honourably acquitted, by an impartial
 Jury, of the horrible Crime with which I was
 charged; yet, as there may be some People who
 still doubt of my Innocence, and who imagine
 such a general Clamour could not have been
 rais'd, nor the Accusation against me prosecuted
 with so much Zeal and Fury, without some
 Grounds to support it, I have, at the earnest
 Entreaty of my Friends, drawn up a true State
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of my Case, and, in a plain intelligible Manner, declared the whole Truth, corroborated by undeniable Circumstances, and attested by the Depositions of unexceptionable Witnesses, besides those who gave their Evidence upon the Trial. By which Means I hope entirely to wipe off every Stain injuriously thrown on my Character, and efface every Impression which this malicious Prosecution may have made on the Minds of my Friends, to my Disadvantage.

Some Time in *October*, in the Year 1754, I unhappily became acquainted with *James Hearne*, the Prosecutor, a Youth then about fourteen Years of Age, and the Manner of it was thus:

He had for some Time attended the Preaching at *Glovers-Hall*, and seemed to appear *exceeding Devout*: Which I observing, enquired of one who belonged to the Church under my Care, who the Lad was. It was answered, that he lived with his Master Mr. *Nokes*, Watch maker, in *Charterhouse-Square*, and that he had been brought up at *Douay* in *France*, with an Intent to make him a Priest in the *Romish* Church; but as he did not apply himself to his Studies so diligently as he ought to have done, he was discharged, came to *England*, and threw himself upon his Friends. After some Time, coming to hear me (as he pretended) he was thoroughly convinced of the Errors of that Church. Upon this Information I desired to speak with him, which I did in the Presence of several Witnesses, when he declared his utter Abhorrence to all he had seen in the *Popish* Worship. Being ask'd, in *French*, by Mrs. *Brown* of *Sutton* in *Middlesex*, what induced him to turn from the Church
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of Rome, he said, 'That Gentleman (pointing to me) by his Preaching has convinced me.' From that Time I took more than ordinary Notice of him, still encouraging him to proceed in his Profession of the Protestant Religion; which he not only promised to do, but as a Testimony of his Sincerity, offer'd to make a Recantation from his Popish Errors.

After this Time, he came frequently to *Glovers-Hall* in *Beech Lane*, to hear me, and likewise to the Chapel in *Candler-Street*, *Grosvenor-Square*; at which Places his Behaviour was so remarkably Serious, that many of my Hearers took Notice of him. Hitherto I had all the Reason in the World to entertain a good Opinion of him: But about the latter End of *January* last (to the best of my Remembrance) as I was going to breakfast with an Acquaintance in *Oxford Road*, and walking along *Margaret Street* I saw *James Hearne* before me. When I came up with him, I ask'd him what brought him there that Morning? He answered, 'He came of a Messenger to *Bloomsbury Square* to receive some Money for his Master; but being desired to call again in an Hour or two's Time, he was walking about till the Time was up;' and farther said, 'he had had no Breakfast.' I told him I was going a little farther to breakfast with one *Mrs. Carter*, and if he could stay, he might go with me; which Offer he very thankfully embraced. I am very certain he did not stay with me above half an Hour, for I desired him to make Haste on his Master's Business, upon which he left me; this was about *Eleven o' Clock*: But on the same Evening, being come to the Chapel, I saw him, to my great Surprise, sitting by the

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Fire-side in the Vestry. I asked him how he came there? He answered, 'he was come of a Message from his Mistress to her Cousin in Kings-Street, Golden-Square, and had ran that he might hear the Night's Sermon.' I, fearful that he had neglected his Master's Business, sharply rebuked him; and calling a Friend aside, told him I was afraid *James* had run away from his Master; for that I had seen him that Morning in the same dirty Dress; and desired he would be so kind to go Home with him to his Master's, and know the Truth of it. On the Way he declared to my Friend, it was as I suspected, and that he had received his Master's Money, but had not been Home all the Day.

About Nine that Evening, after Preaching, I went to Mr. Brown's, a Dyer, in St John-Street, where I found *James Hearne*, who was crying very much. The Person who went with him from Chapel being present, told me I was right in my Conjecture concerning *James*. Upon which, I, Mr. Brown, his Wife, and one Mr. *Stephenson*, insisted on his going home, and begged the Favour of the Person who went with him before, to go again with him to his Master, to which he very readily consented, but could not prevail with his Master to take him in. *James*, being thus refus'd Admittance, came back to me, but I still persisted in advising him to return and ask his Master's Pardon. He went accordingly, and sent in the Money he had received in *Bloomsbury Square*, for his Master's Use, but was not suffered to go in himself. Then he came back again and told me he could not get Admittance. Upon which I advised him to
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go to his Father and acquaint him with the Affair. The next Evening he came to me again, and inform'd me he had lain at his Father's, who in the Morning, went with him to his Master, but could not persuade him to entertain him; after which his Father declar'd he would not give him one Halfpenny to keep him from starving, because he had turn'd Protestant. The Boy, lamenting his hard Fate, assured me he did not know what he should do, or where to go for a Morsel of Bread or a Night's Lodging. Mr. *Stephenson*, an Acquaintance of Mr. *Brown's*, as before mention'd, pitying his Distress, provided him a Lodging for that Night.

Soon after, I related his unhappy Condition to several Persons, when Mr. *Whitaker*, of the *Minories*, who profess'd great Friendship to me, offer'd to take Care of him till he could get a Place: But imagining his Circumstances would not admit of wholly maintaining the Boy, I promis'd to allow him three Shillings a Week, by Order of Mrs. *Murray* of *Ironmonger-Row*, who in Compassion to his Distress, gave it me for that Purpose. This pretended Friend and his Wife, often press'd me to go Home, and sup and lie at their House while the Boy was there. I excus'd myself for some Time; but they repeating their Invitations with great Earnestness, I, to avoid the Imputation of too much Stiffness, and lest they should think I refus'd their Offer because their House was but mean, at length consented to their Request. A little before Bed-time, they told me, that having but two Beds, they must entreat me to lie with *James*, but it should be in their own Bed, and they would

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would lie in *James's*. After I had lain there the first Night, Mrs. *Whitaker* told Mrs *Murray*, in her Pew at the Hall, how agreeably she had spent the Evening in Prayer and Singing, and how delighted her Husband had been in Mr. *Bradbury's* Company; adding, that she waited till the People were gone, and then would go to her Husband who was in the Vestry, and join with him in pressing Mr. *Bradbury* to go home with them that Night, and that she was resolv'd to insist upon it. Upon which Mrs. *Murray* having a Book of his, desired her to give it him, and so went Home. These two Times only I laid at Mr. *Whitaker's*, tho' it was sworn upon the Trial I had lain there five Times.

Soon after my lying at *Whitaker's*, one Mrs. *D*—— came, with several others, to inform me, that *James Hearne* had forcibly committed *Sodomy* on the Body of her Son, a Lad about fourteen Years of Age, and his Fellow-prentice. I was greatly shock'd at the story, and resolving, if possible, to know the Truth of it from his own Mouth, I tax'd him with it in the Presence of several People at *Glovers-Hall*, and strictly required him to tell, whether he had ever committed that beastly Act? Upon which he called God to Witness, and in the most solemn Manner protested, that he never did commit such Act, neither did he know what it meant. His solemn protestations induced me to think he was innocent, and that the Affair had been misrepresented: But tho', after this, I was very much importun'd by *Whitaker* and his Wife, to lie at their House again, I absolutely refus'd it, tho' I thank'd them for their Civility.

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Not long after this, *Hearne*, by the Recommendation of *Mr. Brown* in *St. John Street*, having enter'd his Name at the Register Office, got a Place at *Mr. Mayne's*, Haberdasher, in the *Strand*, to run of Errands, &c. where having staid about three Weeks, he was turn'd away for laying out of his Master's House. Three or four Days after he left his Service, he came to *Mrs. Shore's*, in *Titchfield-Street*, *Oxford-Market*, where I live, and ask'd for me, but was told I was out, and should not be at Home that Night. He then said, he would go to one *Mr. Kipling*, and set up in his Room all Night. He was then ask'd the Reason of his leaving his Place so suddenly (for *Mrs. Pickering* did not know but that he was come away just then) he said, he had been come from his Master's ever since *Friday*, this being the *Monday* Evening following; and that his Father had been with his Master, and had said some Things concerning him, which had occasioned his being turn'd away. He was then asked how he had spent his Time since quitting his Service? He said, 'he had lain the first Night after he came away with a young Man near *Strand Bridge*; the next Day he went to his Aunt's, who lives near *Covent Garden*, who late at Night, turn'd him out, and he lay on the Stones at her Door, where, while he was asleep, somebody stole his Shirt; and on *Sunday*-night he had lain with *Mr. Gillyman*, a Schoolmaster at *Kensington*, where he had formerly been at School.' *Mrs. Pickering*, being greatly affected with his present miserable Situation, said, as there was a spare Bed in the Chapel in *Chandler's Street*, she would persuade *Mr. Bradbury* to let him lie there. On my coming

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coming Home, I was told the Affair, but at that Time did refuse their Request; but being farther press'd by Mrs. *Pickering* and her Mother Mrs. *Sbore*, with great Reluctance, I at last consented; and they said they would give him his Victuals till they could get him a Place. From this Time I began to find him a very great Liar, particularly in his Story about losing his Shirt, which he now said he had sold in *Monmouth-Street* for a Shilling. A few Nights after, I strictly examin'd him, in Presence of another Person, about leaving his Place. To which he answered (crying) 'if I would not be angry with him he would tell me the whole Truth;' and then he proceeded, 'That on *Friday Evening*, 'having been of a Message, coming down *Lincolns-Inn-Fields* a thick, short, bluff-fac'd, pock-fretten Man, ask'd him where he liv'd? He 'told him, in the *Minories*' (which by the Way, 'was a direct Lie). 'The Man then ask'd him 'to go and drink with him, which he consented 'to, and then went to the *Robin-Hood* in *Butcher-row*, where the Man kept him till very late, 'and then ask'd him to go and lie with him: 'and accordingly they went to a House in a 'Court opposite to *Somerset-house*, in the *Sirand*, 'where the Man (as he said) acted in a very 'beastly Manner, and the next Morning he went 'to his Master, who turn'd him out of Doors.'

From this Account which he gave of himself, being fully 'convinced that he was a very vile Lad, I said to him, 'James, I plainly see 'you are cut out for Destruction, and that you 'have render'd yourself odious in the Eyes both 'of God and Man, and will still be more so if 'you continue in these hellish Practices; and
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'you may depend upon it, it will bring you,
'in a short Time, to a shameful End at the
'Gallows.'

On the *Sunday* following, *Mrs. Shore* made a Proposal to *Mr. North*, Peruke-maker, in *Thames Street*, of putting him Apprentice, and agreed to give five Pounds with him, if, after a Month's Trial, he should like him, and to allow forty Shillings a Year to find him in Cloaths. On my coming home, *Mrs. Pickering* acquainted me with *Mrs. Shore's* Intention, which she supposed would be very agreeable to me; but on giving her a very slight Answer, she and her Mother seemed very much displeased, and urg'd me to give my Reasons why I seemed not satisfied with their kind Intention. I then thought this a fit Opportunity to disclose to them what *Hearne* had declared the *Friday* before, and that I was afraid he would practice those beastly Actions wherever he lived, and so not only bring a Scandal on himself, but also on those who should commend him.

Hearne having heard that I had informed *Mrs. Shore* and *Mrs. Pickering* of his vile Actions, and perceiv'd that what I had said had prevented his being put to an Apprenticeship, he return'd me, when I spoke to him, very saucy Language, insomuch that I threaten'd to turn him out of Doors. When I had left the Kitchen, the Maid-Servant said to him, *James*, how could you behave so impudently to *Mr. Bradbury*? He answered, 'he threaten'd to turn me out of Doors; I wish he would; I know how to match him for it.' The same Day, he went to *Mr. Whitaker's* in the *Minories*; when (as he said)

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Mrs. *Whitaker* began speaking very disrespectfully of me, saying, she thought I only preached for Gain, and firmly believed I was amassing a great deal of Money together. She then, with all her Art, endeavoured to persuade him to accuse me with being guilty of indecent Actions; which when she had accomplish'd, Mr. *Whitaker* took him to *Brown's* in *St John Street* (as the Boy declar'd) where they all join'd in urging him to charge me criminally, and directed him by what Method to proceed. First, they bid him threaten me, and in case I refus'd to maintain him, he then must swear against me, and they would hang me, and provide for him.

The next Night (being, to the best of my Remembrance, *Tuesday* the 15th of April last) they had so prevail'd upon him, that when I call'd there, Mr. *Brown* and his Wife accosted me with saying, I ought to maintain the Boy. I desired to know, for what Reason. They answer'd, You have us'd the Boy so. As I was entirely ignorant of what they meant, I desired them to explain themselves. Upon which they bid him speak to my Face what he had before affirmed to them: Being thus encourag'd, he began with saying, I had used him indecently. I ask'd him, how? He then in a very confused Manner, charged me with several beastly Actions. Being perfectly conscious of my own Innocence, I did not readily comprehend his Meaning, and therefore said, Is it *Sodomy* you accuse me of? He answer'd, No! Is it an Attempt you lay to my Charge? No! Why then, what other Indecencies do you alledge against me? But he refus'd to explain himself any farther. During the whole Time of my examining him, upon the Charge he had

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had brought against me, both *Brown* and his Wife encouraged him to speak up freely and boldly; which he, finding himself so well back'd, did with an uncommon Assurance, and continued so to do upon their spiriting him on with — *Well done, James*, laughing all the while. When I found myself thus audaciously attack'd, and that no Arguments I could use would convince them of my Innocence, I solemnly declared I was entirely guiltless of any indecent Action; but finding they were positively determin'd, right or wrong, to be on his Side, I thought proper to take my Leave. As I was going out of the House, *Brown* said, *James*, go after Mr. *Bradbury*; he did so; and on turning my Head, seeing him behind me, I said, What could induce you to tell such abominable Lies of me, without any Provocation, or the least Colour of Truth? He then began crying and stamping, without being able to utter a Word; till at last he brought out, *He was drawn into it, for which he should never forgive himself*. I told him, he had in a great Measure ruin'd my Character, for which he could never make me Amends. He reply'd, *Are there no Methods to be taken, whereby I may convince the World of your Innocence?* I said, I should consult with my Friends about it, and he might come to the Chapel the next Night.

I went home about 11 o' Clock at Night, and acquainted Mrs. *Shore* and Mrs. *Pickering* with what had pass'd betwixt *James* and me at *Brown's*. I had been in the House but a short Space, before I sensibly felt the sad Effects of the Surprize and Agony I had undergone from the base and vile Attacks that had been made on my Character.

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In short, it threw me into Fits, of which I had several severe ones; insomuch that Mrs. *Pickering* thought herself oblig'd to set up with me till three o' Clock in the Morning. The next Evening (*Wednesday* the sixteenth) *James Hearne* came to the Chapel after Preaching, and in the Presence of Mrs. *Pickering*, Mr. *Kipling*, and myself, fell on his Knees, and begg'd Pardon of God and me, declaring that all he had said of me was positively false; adding, that he desired for the Satisfaction of the Public, a Paper might be drawn up, and he would very readily sign it; which being done accordingly, he, in the Presence of Mr. *Cook*, (who was since come in) did actually sign it; in which Paper he declared, that all he had said against me was false. This Paper, the next Day, was by some Mischance lost; he hearing of it, seem'd very much concern'd, and desired another might be drawn, and he would sign it. Which being done, and the Paper perus'd by himself, he was asked, after he had read it, in the Presence of the above Persons, if what it contain'd was the Truth, and if he sign'd it voluntarily, or by Compulsion? Mrs. *Pickering* then said, Speak the Truth. Is Mr. *Bradbury* innocent, or is he not? Do you declare his Innocence by Constraint, or by your own free Will? He answer'd, It was by no Constraint he sign'd it, but because all he had declared against Mr. *Bradbury* was false, and he should be glad to do any thing to make Mr. *Bradbury's* Innocence appear to the World. Then those present sign'd their Names, as Witnesses, to the following Recantation.

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HEARNE'S RECANTATION.

‘ **I** James Hearne, of the Parish of St. Sepulchre, London, do acknowledge that I have
‘ offended God, in charging the Reverend Mr.
‘ Charles Bradbury with using indecent Freedoms
‘ with me, which I do declare and testify to be absolutely false. For, during the Time I have
‘ known the said Reverend Mr. Chales Bradbury,
‘ which is now about six Months, I never saw any
‘ kind of Indecency acted by him; and I do sincerely
‘ ask Pardon of the said Mr. Bradbury, promising
‘ never to do the like again; hoping he will not
‘ proceed against me according to Law, as he justly
‘ might do. And I do solemnly declare this my
‘ Declaration is not by the Compulsion or Constraint
‘ of any one, But from a Conviction of the Injury
‘ I have done the said Mr. Bradbury.’

Sign'd James Hearne.

In the Presence of the following Witnesses:

Elizabeth Pickering,
Mary Burchett,
Thomas Kipling,
Mary Kipling,
William Cook.

Hearne having thus firmly ratified his Recantation, and acknowledged it as his free Act and Deed, Mrs. Pickering earnestly desired me to let the Boy lie in the Bed at the Chapel, (which indeed

indeed was her Property) but I refused, declaring he should never lie under my Roof any more; but being farther press'd, as well by Mrs. *Pickering*, as all the other Persons present, I was at last prevail'd upon to give my Consent, as he declared he should set out in a Day or two for *France*, in order to go to see his Friends there. However, I told him, he had better go and try to make Matters up with Mr. *Nokes* his Master, than to think of rambling abroad. He answered, he could not do that; for he was afraid, Mr. D——, his Fellow-prentice's Father, would take him up and hang him, for what he had done to his Son, a Lad about fourteen Years of Age; I forbear to mention his Name, in regard to his Youth, and likewise because *Hearne* had seduced him to commit the Fact; for by his own Confession, he was an old Practitioner at this foul Game before he came from *France*. Adding that he had the greater Reason to be afraid, since he could not go down *Charterhouse Lane*, but the People call'd after him, a *Sodomite*! He farther said, he had a Cousin who used to carry Passengers from *London* to *Dieppe*; and the next Day he went to find him out, but when he came back, said, he heard he had sail'd the Day before; but he could get a Passage for a Guinea. I said, if you imagine that I will do any thing for you, you are mistaken, for you shall never have one Farthing Piece of me. To this he reply'd, he must absolutely perish if he staid here, adding, that one Doctor *Holding*, at *Paris*, he was very sure, would provide for him; and likewise, that he had been with Captain *Gilby*, but he would be paid for his Passage. Mrs. *Pickering*, seriously considering the miserable

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rable Circumstances of this unhappy Wretch, and still hoping he would some Day or other be brought to a true Sense of his Duty, out of mere Humanity, and Compassion for his forlorn Condition, and on no other Consideration whatever, persuaded her Mother to pay for his Passage, and a Gentleman in the *Minories*, their *Acquaintance*, saw him safe on Board. It happened, I had an old Coat that had hung up in the Chapel for some Time, which Mrs. *Pickering* would have had me to give him, together with an old Shirt; but I adher'd to my former Resolution, that he should not have a Farthing or its Worth from me; and if they had a Mind to do anything for him, so be it; but I assured 'em their Kindness to him did not please me at all.

From *April 18.* to *Friday, June 6,* I never saw or heard of him; but on that Day, going across the Field behind *Warburton's* Timber-Yard, *Tottenham-Court-Road*, I observ'd him sitting on a Log of Wood with a Basket of Pictures, &c. before him, but I pass'd him without seeming to take any Notice, and went Home. I acquainted the Family I had seen *James*, and where I left him. Upon which Mrs. *Pickering*, being willing to be satisfied if it was he, took one of her Maids, and went to the Place, but he was gone. An old Woman who was sitting upon the same Log with him, on their Enquiry, said, the Boy told her, as a Gentleman pass'd by, he knew him, so took up his Basket, and went away, which confirm'd her in the Belief that it was certainly *Hearne*.

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Mean while *Whitaker* and *Brown* took the utmost Pains to vilify and asperse my Character: which coming to the Knowledge of two of my Friends (*Mess. Milward* and *Hopkins*) who understanding that the Boy had been seen in and about *Leicester-fields*, were determined to find him out, and to be satisfied from his own Mouth of my Innocence or Guilt. On the 12th of *June*, they found him in *Leicester-fields*, and on their questioning him, he affirm'd I had been guilty of *some Indecencies* with him. Upon which, *Mr. Milward* came to *Mrs. Shore's*, and inform'd me they had found *Hearne*, and, if I was willing, he and *Mr. Hopkins* would bring him to me. I said, just as they pleas'd, and with all my Heart. They went out, and, in a short Time, return'd with the Boy. When he came into the Dining-room, before me, the Family, and the above Gentlemen, I related to him what *Brown* and *Whitaker* had said. He then, before us all, began to stamp and cry most bitterly, declaring my Innocence in every Respect; adding (and at the same Time wringing his Hands) What shall I do, for I have accused you falsely. On my charging him in the Presence of God, to openly declare the Truth, he answered, 'You never offer'd any indecent Thing to me, it is all false. O! that I had taken the Advice you have so often given me, I should not then have met with this Distress; adding, you have given me better Advice than ever my Father did; for neglecting such Counsel, I have suffer'd great Hardships in *France*, being reduced to such Extremity, that I have been forced by Hunger to eat the very Leaves of the Trees.' *Mess. Milward*

Milward and *Hopkins* asked him, if he was willing to go to *Glovers-Hall*, and publicly declare the Truth? He answer'd, Yes; there or any where else. As I was then going thither to preach, he went with me, and by the Way I said to him, that by your Wickedness I have greatly suffered in my Character. 'Sir, said he, ve'ry readily, you have one Comfort left.' I said, what is that? He answered, 'The God that made you, knows your Innocence.' This he repeated several Times, declaring he was both willing and ready to take an Oath to the Truth of it.

Here follow the Depositions of the several Persons who were present in the Vestry when *James Hearne* made his Recantation.

Westminster } **J** *JOHN WINDSOR*, of the Parish
to *Wit.* } of *St. Botolph Aldersgate, London*,
Watchmaker; *John Hardin*, of the Parish of *St. Luke, Old-street*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Framework-knitter; *Thomas Butcher*, of the Parish of *St. Botolph Bishopsgate, London*, Weaver; *William Folliot* of the Parish of *St. Gyles, Cripplegate, London*, Planemaker; *Christian Hill*, of the Parish of *St. Leonard Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Spinster; *Johanna Allen*, of the Parish of *St. Luke Oldstreet*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Widow; *Martba Agar*, Wife of Mr. — *Agar*, of the Parish of *St. Botolph Bishopsgate, London*, Watchmaker; *Mary Julian*, Wife of *Thomas Julian*, of the Parish of *St. Botolph Bishopsgate, London*, Gauze-Dresser; *James Ware*, of the Parish of

St. Gyles Cripplegate, London, Cordwainer, and Isabella his Wife: They, these Deponents, jointly and severally make Oath, that they were present at *Glovers Hall*, situate in *Beech-Lane, London*, on *Thursday* the twelfth Day of *June* last, and after Sermon went into the Vestry-Room with several others, and did hear the Examination of *James Hearne*, relating to the scandalous Defamation of *Mr. Charles Bradbury*. *Mr. Bradbury* declared to these Deponents, that this is the wicked Boy that had said such Things of him that his very Soul abhorr'd; and that he was come there to declare his Guilt or Innocence. The said *James Hearne* was then desired to speak the Truth. *Mr. Bradbury* open'd a Paper which he had in his Hand, which was a Recantation *Hearne* had signed on the eighteenth Day of *April* last, and in the Presence of these Deponents; which was done accordingly.—See the Copy of it, P. 13.

And these Deponents farther say, that the said *Hearne* was asked in the Presence of these Deponents, whether the Contents of the said Recantation was true or false, and whether the Name subscribed thereto, was of his own proper Hand-writing? *Hearne* answered, It is true. And was farther asked, Whether he was compelled to do it? He answered, No; he signed it freely without any Compulsion. *Mr. Bradbury* then said, Have I seen you since you signed this Recantation, till last *Friday* the sixth of *June*? And then did I not pass by you without speaking? *Hearne* said, No, You have not seen me since till then, nor since till this Day; and said, the Lord had so afflicted him in *France*, that he could not rest till he came back and declared *Mr. Bradbury* innocent. *Mr. Bradbury* said, What could induce you

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you to be so vile to say such abominable Falsties of me? *Hearne* replied, it was the Devil. Then a Person present said, Did not you say that Somebody set you on? *Hearne* said, Please to sit down, and I'll tell you how it was. He then said, *Brown* and *Whitaker* had drawn him in to say such Things. And said, *James*, you must first threaten *Bradbury*, and if he will not maintain you, you must swear the Fact against him, for your Oath will be taken before his, and we will hang him, and provide for you. Then Mr. *Bradbury* said to *Hearne*, What can you say for thus injuring my Character? *Hearne* begged his Pardon, and hoped Mr. *Bradbury* would forgive him. Mr. *Bradbury* then said, It is a hard Thing to forgive such an Injury, but I believe it is my Duty, and I do, and hope God will forgive you, and turn your wicked Heart. Mr. *Bradbury*, prayed earnestly for him, and the Boy wept.

Sworn this 13th
Day of October,
1755, before me

G. WRIGHT.

*William Folliot,
Robert Hardin,
Thomas Butcher,
Johannah Allen,
James Ware,
Isabella Ware,
John Winsor,
Martha Agar,
Christian Hill,
Mary Julian.*

There are upwards of fifty more creditable Witnesses ready to attest the Truth of the above Depositions.

When *Brown* and his Accomplices heard that *Hearne* had been at *Glovers-Hall* and made an
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open Declaration of my Innocence, and confessed that he (*Brown*) and others had instigated him to lay such an atrocious Crime to my Charge, they were struck with the utmost Consternation, from an Apprehension that their dark Scenes of Villainy would now be laid open, the Consequence of which they had Reason to dread, as such a Discovery would not only render them odious in the Eyes of all Men, but expose them to the Severities of the Law for loading an innocent Man with so black and horrid a Scandal. To avoid which, they judg'd it absolutely necessary, in the first Place, to secure *Hearne*; and therefore determined to find him out if he was above Ground, as Mrs. *Brown*, in her own House, acknowledged to Mrs. *Pickering* and Mrs. *Murray*. Accordingly, *Brown* and *Whitaker*, on the 13th of June, went in Search of *Hearne*, and found him in *Newton's-Lane* near *Drury-Lane*, in Company with an *Italian* that made Weather-Glasses, and employ'd *James* to carry them about the Streets to sell for him. They immediately took him to *Brown's* House, where, as *Hearne* himself has declared, he was confined for six Weeks; during which Time he was properly instructed to lay two Informations against me. The first Information being drawn according to their Directions, they took him to the Lord Mayor, whose Clerk, upon hearing the Boy waver so much in his Story, refus'd to let him see his Lordship. Then they had him to Justice *Chamberlayne*, who seeing him, for some Reasons, would not give him his Oath. However, not discouraged by these Repulses, they brought him to Justice *Withers*, but neither did this Gentleman think proper to give him his Oath. But being absolutely determined, right or

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wrong, he should swear against me, *at last*, they went to Justice *Fielding*, who was pleased to grant a Warrant against me for an assault with an intent to commit *Sodomy*. What the Reasons were, which induced this Gentleman to give more Credit to the Testimony of a Wretch that had all the Appearance of a Vagabond, than the other Justices did, are best known to himself. However, I gave Bail to the Warrant before Justice *St Lawrence*, to appear at the next General Quarterly Sessions to be held at *Hicks's-Hall*, for the County of *Middlesex*.

My Persecutors, highly displeased to see me at large, resolved to take other Measures to plague me. Accordingly, on *Sunday, June 29*, whilst I was Preaching in *Candler-Street, Grosvenor-Square, Brown, Whitaker, Stone* a Baker in *Fetter-Lane* and his Wife, *Hughes*, and others, assembled in a very riotous Manner at the Door of the Chapel. Mrs. *Stone*, pointing to me as I was preaching, said, there is a *Sodomite*. Then they sent in Mr. *Parker*, a Constable, who, upon shewing of him the *Supersedeas* to the Warrant, was satisfied, and left me. Notwithstanding which, they continued making a Riot, and spiriting up others to insult me, till I left the Chapel.

Pursuant to the Tenor of the Warrant, and the Bail I had given thereupon, I appear'd to answer to the Prosecution, expecting that a Bill would be preferr'd against me for an Assault, with an Intent only. But it seems *Hearne*, by the Counsel and Assistance of his righteous Advisers and Coadjutors, was more strongly prepar'd for the Execution of their iniquitous Scheme than I imagin'd. For they were not
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satisfied with ruining my Character, and exposing me to the Censure of the Law; nothing less than my Life could gratify their Malice, which they could not accomplish upon this Information, and therefore they laid their Indictment against me, for actually committing that most detestable Sin of SODOMY. The Bill was accordingly found; upon which, advising with my Council, his Opinion was, that, notwithstanding it being laid Capital, two Justices of the Peace had it in their Power to take Bail for my Appearance. Pursuant to this Opinion Application was made to Justice *Wright* and Justice *Trent*, who took £600 Security for my Appearance the next Sessions at the *Old-Baily*; upon which I obtain'd my Liberty.

On, or about the 17th of *July*, *Brown* and his Wife, *Whitaker*, Mrs. *Stone*, *Hughes*, and *Hearne*, Sen. meeting me between *Chancery-Lane* and *Turnstile, Holbourn*, stopp'd me, and raised a great Mob about me. *Hearne* declar'd I had murder'd his Son; Mrs. *Stone* said, I was a Sodomite; Mrs. *Brown* call'd me Rogue and Villain, saying, they would have me, and I should be hang'd. They then got an Officer to execute their Warrant; I shew'd my *Supersedeas*, with which he was satisfied, and left me: Notwithstanding which, thro' the Character they had given me to the Mob, I was in great Danger of my Life. However, I got clear of them at last, and continued my Walk down *Holbourn*; they still followed me, till I came to *St. Sepulchre's Church*, where I was oblig'd for my Safety, to take Shelter in the House of Mr. *Townshend*, who lives opposite to the said Church. When I came out of the House, I saw *Brown*, *Whitaker*, and *Hughes*, with a great
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Number of People standing round them, at the Corner of the *Little Old Bailey*, where again they abused me. I could make no other Defence than by shewing my *Superfedeas*, which a Gentleman passing by, stopt, and read, and then said, *Str,* I advise you to go along, for those People have no Business with you; they are flying in the Face of Justice. I took his Advice, and so once more escaped the Rage of their Malice.

The next Day, they again went in Pursuit of me, accompanied with an Officer, and one *Pepper*, their Soliciter or Attorney; for it seems nothing less would satisfy them, than to have me confin'd in a Prison. Accordingly, *Brown*, *Whitaker*, and *Hughes* the Barber, laid wait for me; and within three Doors of Justice *Wright's*, in *Wardour-Street*, *Soho*, the said *Pepper* and a Constable seiz'd me, and dragg'd me along the Street, not suffering me to speak to any Person, and at *St. Anne's Church*, put me in a Coach, and carried me before Justice *Fielding*, who told me, my *Superfedeas* was of no Use, the Fact being committed in the County, and bail'd before two Justices of *Westminster*; upon which he committed me to *New-Prison*, where I lay eight Weeks, wanting but two Days.

When I came there, *Mr. Pentlow* the Keeper, was so kind as to indulge me the Liberty, to preach to the poor Prisoners, and to permit any of my People or others, to come in and hear me; for, tho' I had so heavy a Crime laid to my Charge, yet, as I was conscious of my own Innocence, and could truly appeal to God for my Justification in this Respect, I thought it my indispensable Duty, to do all the Service I possibly could,

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could, both to the Souls and Bodies of those, who were confin'd in Prison with me. The first *Sunday* after my Commitment, I preached in the Goal Yard to the Prisoners, and a great Concourse of other Persons ; and after Sermon I collected near thirty Shillings for the Benefit of the *poor* Prisoners. But my Enemies no sooner had Intelligence of this Practice, than they apply'd to a Magistrate to put a Stop to it ; and I had Notice given me, that I was not allow'd to preach any more in that Place.

When I had been in Prison some Time, I was advis'd to get a *Habeas Corpus*, in order to be bail'd before the Lord Chief Justice *Ryder*, which I consented to, being very desirous of obtaining my Liberty till the Sessions should commence ; the *Habeas* was granted, and I was carried before his Lordship on or about the 16th of *August*, where £20,000. Bail was offer'd. My Enemies having Notice of my Design, assembl'd at the Judges Chambers to oppose me. There were then present *Brown, Whitaker, Hughes, Hearne* Senior one *Tims* a Turner, and two strange Men, whom they brought there to make Oath, that the Confession which *James Hearne* had made before Justice *Wright*, he was frighten'd into by being intimidated by the Justice and me. This, however, was not the Reason why his Lordship did not admit me to Bail, but because as his Lordship said, the Crime I was charged with was not bailable by Law ; and if the whole Court of *King's Bench* were then sitting, such a Thing could not be granted. So I was remanded back to Prison.

James Hearne, hearing I was committed to *New Prison*, wrote me the following Letter.

Honoured

‘Honoured S I R,

‘**I** AM very sorry to hear you are so ill; for I know it to be my Fault; but I hope you will forgive me for Christ's sake, and take pity on me, for if I stay any longer in London, I shall get some Distemper or another, for I am almost eat up with Lice, and I should be very glad if you would send me down in the Country, for I am also afraid of Brown and Whitaker, for they swear Vengeance against me. Here I make an End, wishing, if it were in my Power, that I was confin'd instead of you; but I hope God will forgive my poor hardened Heart; for when I swore against you, I knew it was false. No more at present from your

July 25.

‘Humble Servant,

1755.

‘James Hearne.’

Having the greatest Reason to believe that this malicious Prosecution was first contrived, and afterwards carried on by Mr. Brown, and others, who join'd in this hellish Conspiracy against my Life, I desired Mr. Fullylove, while I lay in New Prison, to write to James Hearne, to know whether he or his Friends, had employ'd an Attorney to carry on the Prosecution against me. Mr. Fullylove wrote accordingly, and receiv'd the following Answer, the 25th of August, 1755.

‘S I R,

‘**I** Never employ'd Pepper, nor never knew him, till Mrs. Stone brought him to Brown's House, and then they employ'd him for me; but I sign'd the

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‘ *Indictment to the Attorney, (Pepper) and Hughes
‘ was present, and I swore the Fact was committed in
‘ Chandler-Street, Grosvenor-Square, but nobody
‘ was sworn before the Grand Jury but myself. My
‘ Duty to Mr. Bradbury and Mrs. Pickering, and
‘ to Mr. Cook, and I hope you and they are all well.
‘ Here I make an End, asking God and Mr. Brad-
‘ bury Pardon for being so wicked as to swear false
‘ against Mr. Bradbury. From your*

‘ *most Humble*

‘ *and Obedient Servant,*

‘ *James Hearne.*’

Some Time after *James* had sent the above Letter to Mr. *Fullylove*, he wrote him the following. See Mr. *Fullylove's Declaration.*

‘ *S I R,*

‘ **W** *HAT Mrs. Stone said, was after I came
‘ from France, and what Hughes and Pep-
‘ per the Lawyer said, was after I came Home. From
‘ what I said in London, about Whitaker's taking
‘ me to Brown's, then after I had told the same Lies
‘ as I had been telling Whitaker, to Brown and his
‘ Wife. After that they had heard all the most spite-
‘ ful Lies as I could invent, they ask'd me to come the
‘ next Night to Brown's House, which I did, and
‘ Mr. Bradbury came there that Night, and I abused
‘ him, accusing him with indecent Actions, which
‘ God knows he is innocent of them. Then Mr.
‘ Bradbury said, after we went away, he would
‘ take me before a Justice. Then I begged his Par-
‘ don, and he said, God pardon you, but how will you
‘ retrieve my Character? But I don't mind my Cha-
‘ racter, but take Care of your own Soul; for if
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‘ once that is lost it would be worse than losing my
‘ Character. Then I made my Escape to France,
‘ but before I went I made a Recantation; then Mrs.
‘ Pickering was so good as to give me a Guinea to
‘ pay my Passage to Dunkirk; but after I had been
‘ there a-while, Hunger drove me Home; and after
‘ I had been here a Week, I met two of Mr. Brad-
‘ bury’s Acquaintance, who ask’d me whether Mr.
‘ Bradbury was guilty? I, worse than Judas, said,
‘ Yes. Then they took me to Mrs. Pickering’s,
‘ where Mr. Bradbury lives, then to Mrs. Murray’s,
‘ and then to Glovers-Hall, where before a 150
‘ People I declared Mr. Bradbury was innocent. Then
‘ Whitaker and Brown came to Newtoner’s-Lane
‘ where I lived, that was of a Friday Night, and
‘ the next Day Mrs. Stone came to Brown’s, and
‘ ask’d if I was the Boy, then they said, Yes. Then
‘ she said she would go with me, and take a War-
‘ rant against Mr. Bradbury, and she called him
‘ a Rogue and a Villain, and said the Dog fears the
‘ Law, and he bears a wild Character. Now the
‘ Devil began to work again, and she said she would
‘ hang him if she could; and we went to Hawskins,
‘ and she said, come, I’ll sweeten you up, we won’t
‘ turn you off after we have done with you, but will
‘ provide for you. We could not get a Warrant, then
‘ said she, you are all Fools, I see you can’t do with-
‘ out me; and if he flings me, he has but one more to
‘ fling, and that is the Devil. Then Mrs. Stone and
‘ Hughes went with me to Justice Fielding and
‘ got a Warrant; then Mr. Bradbury superseded the
‘ Warrant; then Mrs. Stone said, if you don’t take
‘ Care you will be list’d, for Mr. Bradbury has got a
‘ Soldier to take you away, and had better indict him,
‘ and the next Day she sent Pepper the Lawyer, and
‘ Hughes; and Pepper said, you had better put it to
‘ the Fact (or the Jury will laugh at you,) and hang
‘ the Dog out of the Way; so say I, said Mrs

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‘ Stone. Then I took an Indictment out. Now for six
‘ Weeks I was kept up in Brown’s House, and they
‘ would not let me go out; but it pleased God, I was
‘ taken up, and carried before Justice Wright, where
‘ I declared the Truth, that Mr. Bradbury was not
‘ guilty of what I charg’d him with before, for he
‘ never did commit or offer to commit any-thing
‘ indecent to me, nor I did not know the Nature of
‘ an Oath.

August 30,
1755.

‘ James Hearne.’

The Originals of these three Letters, were produced at the Trial, and acknowledged by *Hearne*, to be his own Writing.

On *Wednesday*, the 10th of *September*, in the Morning, I was removed to the *Old-Bailey*, where I was arraigned, but being asked by the Judge, whether my Council were ready, on Enquiry, I found they were not, with which I inform’d his Lordship; and thereupon my Trial was put off till the next Day: So, to add to my Afflictions, I was obliged to take up my Lodgings in *Newgate* that Night, and the next Morning was brought down to the Baildock, and at Nine my Trial came on; a *Review* of which, with Remarks upon it, I shall presently give, for the Satisfaction of the Reader; by comparing of which, with what I have here related, and shall afterwards insert, he will be enabled to form some tolerable Judgment of the Reality of my Case, and whether, upon due Consideration of the Facts, as I have stated them, and which are confirmed by the Testimonies upon Oath, of such a Number of creditable Witnesses, he believes in his Conscience,
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I am guilty of the horrid Crime, of which I was accus'd, indicted, tried for, and of which I was Acquitted in the most honourable Manner, by an impartial Jury, and even in the Opinion of the Judge himself.

Give me Leave to observe, on this Occasion, That when Malice is resolved to ruin a Character; the most Innocent will find it almost impossible to escape the Mischief intended; for such is the Depravity of Human Nature, that Scandal always meets with a better Reception, and a more ready Belief, than the best attested Evidence, in Vindication of injur'd Virtue. How hard is it to persuade Men to believe the Truth, when it contradicts their ruling Passions! How difficult is it to combat Wickedness, when sharpen'd with the Malevolence of invenom'd Tongues!

Let any one take a serious unprejudic'd View of the Case as I have already stated it, which I can truly affirm, I have not disguised with any false Colourings, sophistical Arguments, or mental Reserves, but told the plain Truth in an artless Manner; I say, let any impartial Man weigh, and compare the Circumstances, and Incidents here related, one with another, and I dare venture to submit the Decision of my Guilt or Innocence, to his Determination.

But farther: Here is a Youth comes to hear me preach, gives great Attention, and has all the Appearance of the most sincere Devotion; his serious and seemingly pious Demeanour attracts my Regard; I naturally enquire who and what he is; am told that by Means of my Preaching he had been converted from the Errors of Popery and embraced Protestantism: I say, supposing this
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(as it really was) the Case, what was I to do as a Minister and Preacher of the Gospel? Was it not my Duty to examine into the Truth of his Conversion, and encourage him to persevere in it? If he was indeed a Hypocrite, and his Shew of Religion a mere Pretence, was it possible for me to know, or to discover the Baseness of his Heart? That belongs alone to that all-seeing Eye which sees our Thoughts a-far off, and to whom only can be known the most secret Purposes of our Soul. If I was deceived, so were many others, who were equally persuaded of his Sincerity.

But 'tis objected, that I afforded him my Protection and Favour, after I knew he had misbehaved to his Master, and was turn'd away. If Excess of Compassion to a poor Creature in Distress, be a Fault, I must own myself blame-worthy. But, let it be observ'd, that before I gave him any Tokens of my Kindness, I used my best Endeavours to make up the Difference between his Master and him; and that I offer'd him no Assistance or Encouragement, till I found his Master was irreconcilable, his Father had deserted him for turning Protestant, and he was in Danger of perishing for want of Bread and Lodging. He wish'd he was in Place again, I promised to use my Endeavour to get him one; and to prevent his turning Thief, and getting into bad Company, I procured him a Lodging, and a small Subsistence, till I could hear of a Place for him. Could Humanity do less than I did? Who, that knows to what Temptations Youth are expos'd, especially when left to themselves, and abandoned by their Friends, would not have done the same, or perhaps much more than I did?

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But the strongest Objection to my Conduct, and which seems to have been the Foundation of all the Calumny I have suffered on *Hearne's* Account, is, that I went to lay with him at *Whitaker's*. In Answer to which it should be consider'd, that at that Time I had no Reason to entertain an ill Opinion of the Boy, otherwise than that he had been guilty of some Faults, such as are incident to those of his Age ; for I was then really ignorant of those Crimes of which he was afterwards accused ; neither had he then the Dress or Appearance of a Vagrant or a Vagabond, but such as became the Apprentice of a Tradesman, and which could not render him disagreeable, as a Bed-fellow, (upon a Case of Emergency) I not being inform'd, where I was to lie, 'till between Eleven and Twelve o' Clock, and I then near four Miles from my Lodging. Afterwards indeed, when his Wickedness was detected, and he had made himself obnoxious to the Resentment of all sober and virtuous People, he soon reduc'd himself to the lowest Ebb of Misery, and might justly be ranked with the most wretched and abject Class of Mankind. But why did I go to *Whitaker's* at all, since even he was a Man but of mean Circumstances? But who ever considers my Station, and the Duties of my Function, will not wonder that I endeavour to render myself agreeable to all, that so I may, some Way or other, become useful to all. I was frequently importun'd both by him and his Wife to come and spend an Evening with them. Had I refused, no doubt I should have been accounted proud and supercilious, and too conceited of my own Importance to condescend to a Familiarity with Persons of such an inferior condition. But I am too sensible of my own Imperfections to claim any Superiority

riority over the meanest of my Hearers. If my Discourse or Conversation can be of any Use in promoting the Service and Honour of my *Great Master*, I should think it a Breach of my Duty to refrain from the Company of those who desire it. Wherein then was my Offence in complying with the repeated Requests of Mr. *Whitaker* and his Wife, since those Evenings I spent with them, were employ'd in the Performance of religious Duties? Or where was the Fault, if, at their urgent Instances, I lay in their Bed, since it would be no Disappointment at Home, because I had no Wife or Family to expect me?

But further: Twice I lay at their House, and not oftner, and both Times with the Boy, tho' frequently press'd to it afterwards both by *Whitaker* and his Wife. The Reason of my Refusal was, the Report I had heard of the foul and dark Practices of *Hearne* with his Fellow-prentice, of which the Mother of the Lad inform'd me; for though I hoped he was not then guilty of such an abominable Crime, yet as he had such a Thing laid to his Charge, I told Mr. *Whitaker* I did not choose to spend an Evening at his House whilst *Hearne* lodg'd there; and then I related to him the Story I had heard of *James*. Mr. *Whitaker* then inform'd me that *Hearne* lay with his Cousin at his House, who had come from, or near *West Chester*; I thereupon desired him to ask his Cousin, whether *Hearne* had ever offer'd such a Thing to him? *Whitaker* reply'd, I am sure he never did, for if he had, he would have made it known to me. But the true Reason of *Hearne's* Spite and Malice against me, as I have the greatest Reason to believe, was this: Mrs. *Shore*, as before observ'd, pitying his forlorn Condition, was going to put him out Appren-

Apprentice to Mr. *North*, Peruke-maker, in *Thames-Street*; and on her and her Daughter Mrs. *Pickering* asking my Opinion about it, I apprehending the Inconveniencies that would probably follow on his being placed in a sober Family, and the Scandal that might arise to them for recommending him, thought this a proper Opportunity to inform them of what *Hearne* had related to me the *Friday* before, in the Presence of another Person, which was, that he had committed beastly Actions with a Man with whom he lay one Night at a House in a Court opposite *Somerset-House* in the *Sirand*. Now, when *Hearne* heard I had declared what he told me as above to his worthy Benefactors, and confirmed it to them before his Face, he was greatly enraged with me, and afterwards gave me such impertinent Language in the Kitchen, before the Servants, that I threaten'd to turn him out of the House; and on my leaving the Kitchen, told *Mary Burchet* he wished I would, for he would *match* me for it. Soon after (the same Day) he went to Mr. *Whitaker*, and acquainted his Wife with what had pass'd at Mrs. *Shore's*, and then the villainous Plot was contriv'd: *Whitaker* himself took the Boy to *Brown's* House to complete the Scheme, and after a long Consultation among them, they employed one *Pepper*, an Attorney, to carry on this iniquitous Prosecution. This was a favourable Opportunity for Mrs. *Stone* and Mrs. *Whitaker* to indulge their predominant Passion for Scandal, and gave them ample Matter for their Tea Table-Chat, over which my Character was sacrificed with a peculiar Gust; of which I have sufficient Proof. However, there seems nothing extraordinary in this: But that Men of Sense could carry their Malice to such a monstrous Height, is most astonishing. The Ruin of my

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Character was not sufficient, tho' that is the most valuable Treasure we can be possess'd of. Nothing less than my Death in the most ignominious Manner that the most atrocious Malefactor can suffer, will satiate their Malice.

But on what Evidence do they ground their Rage against me? Why, on the Testimony of one whom they knew to be turn'd out of Service, in which he got so bad a Character that his Master would not, upon any Consideration whatever, receive him again.

It may not be amiss to observe here, that Mr. *Noakes*, a watchmaker in *Charterhouse-Square*, to whom *James Hearne* was put an Apprentice, declared to several People, that *Hearne* had forcibly committed SODOMY in his House with his younger Apprentice, some Time before he knew Mr. *Bradbury*, and that he (*Noakes*) had sent to the Lad's Parents, in order to have *Hearne* prosecuted for the Crime: But they, on Reflection, fearing their Son's Character might in some Measure be blasted, declined it; but were determined, if *Hearne* continued at Mr. *Noakes's* to take away their Son. Some of the Persons, to whom Mr. *Noakes* declared the above, were *George Wright*, Esq. in the Commission of the Peace for *Westminster*; Mr. *Stuart* of *St. Andrew's Holborn*, Stationer; and Mr. *William Folliot*, of *St. Giles's Cripplegate*, Plane-maker.

Must a Man's good Name, which has been long earning by the most virtuous Pursuits, be blasted in a Moment and for ever, by the Tongue of a Wretch who had already forfeited his own? How unrighteous the Sentence,
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how unjust the Censure, that condemns a Man upon so weak an Evidence.

The Spite and Rancour, with which they have carried on this Prosecution, is notorious. Their first Scheme was, only to prosecute me for an Assault with an Intent to commit Sodomy; tho' even this, if proved, must have been my inevitable Ruin, and made me a public Spectacle for the scornful World to point at; for, if I mistake not, the Pillory is generally the Punishment inflicted for Crimes of this Nature. But how difficult did they find it to obtain a Warrant to ground even this Information upon! So shockingly forbidding was the Aspect of their Witnesses, that not one of three Justices, to whom they first applied, could see any thing about him *creditable* enough to induce them to grant him his Oath. Not discouraged however with these Rebuffs, which, one would think, should have given them but an indifferent Opinion of their Cause, they apply to a Fourth, whom they found less scrupulous, and who indeed gratify'd them to their utmost Wish.

After this, on a Consultation with their Lawyer, he told them, that this would not do; that my Punishment would be but trifling, not answer their Purpose, and that the Jury would laugh at them; that *James* must put it to the Fact, and so hang the Dog out of the way. Was ever Advice so execrable as this! What! hang a Man for a Fact which the Witness himself had all along declared he was not guilty of! For all that he had hitherto charged me with, was only some Indelicacies. However, it seems as if they had no small Difficulty to persuade him to touch my Life. It was therefore judged necessary to confine him in

Brown's House, which I did for six Weeks together ; Time sufficient to prepare him with proper Instructions to execute their villainous Purposes.

I shall make no Reflections on the Riots they made at the Chapel when I was preaching, their Insults on my Person in the open Streets, the Hardships I suffered during my two Months Imprisonment, or the prodigious Expence I was put to in defending myself: The plain Narration of the Facts, I am persuaded, is sufficient to raise the indignation of every impartial Hearer against Persons who have acted with so much Spite and Malice, with the sole View of ruining my Character and destroying my Life ; especially when these Facts are confirmed by the incontestible Evidence of many reputable Witnesses, who have sworn to the Truth of every Thing I have advanced.

I shall now proceed, as I promised, to make a cursory Review of the Trial, with such Remarks and Observations thereon, as may serve to elucidate this dark Affair, and convince my Friends, and the Friends of Truth and Innocence, that I stand acquitted in the Sight both of God and Man.



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The EVIDENCE.

IN order to prove the indictment, which was for no less a crime than the detestable sin of SODOMY, James Hearne the prosecutor, was first called, who, upon being asked from whence he then came, said, from Law-Hall, ten miles from Dunstable, where he had been seven weeks, and to which place, at his own desire, Mr. Bradbury had sent him: That he had been acquainted with Mr. Bradbury ever since January last, when he and his fellow-prentice went to hear him at the chapel. That on Mr. Bradbury's asking him some questions about his

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HEARNE came that morning from the Poultry-Compter, where, by his own desire, he was carried the evening before; as appeared by the evidence of Charles Lew, and his own confession, on the trial. Hearne was at Law-Hall but a fortnight, as he himself owns afterwards.

I solemnly declare I never asked Hearne to go into the country; neither did I see him after the 17th of July, till I saw him at the Old Bailey; his going into the country was entirely by his own desire; as appears by his letter directed to me at New-Prison, dated July 25, 1755. See a copy of it, P. 25.

I saw Hearne several times at Glovers Hall, Beech Lane, and

his religion, he said, he was brought up among the papists, but at the desire of his fellow-prentice he came to hear him. After that, he said, he went to hear him at *Glovers-Hall*, the same night Mr. Meredith was buried from the *Tabernacle*. After the Audience was dismiss'd, Mrs. Hall staying to lock up the doors, Mr. Bradbury told her, she need not stay for that, for the lock being a spring-lock, she might take the key with her, and he would stay with James, for he wanted to speak with him. That then, as he stood leaning his head against the chimney-piece, Mr. Bradbury pull'd him down upon his knee, and kiss'd him, put his hand thro' a torn hole of his breeches, put out the candle, and unbuttoning his own breeches, bid him do what modesty here forbids us to mention. It being then about 9 o' clock, Hearne said, he was afraid he should have a noise with his master; but that Mr. Bradbury bid him not be afraid, for if they should scold him, he should come away, and he would get him another place.

About a week after this, he said, being sent of an errand to receive some money for his master, as he was going up *Tyburn-Road* he met Mr. Bradbury, who asked him if he had breakfasted? and talked about his religion. That Mr. Bradbury went with him as far as *Soho-Square*, and gave him some books to carry to Mr. Brown's in *St. John Street*. That he

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and also at the chapel in *Chandler-street*; at both which places he appeared to me seemingly devout; which gave me an occasion to enquire of Jonas Phillips, his fellow-prentice, who the lad was. Being informed that he was brought up a papist, but now took great delight in hearing me, I desired to have some conversation with him. Accordingly he was brought into the vestry, and in the presence of several people, declared his abhorrence of the worship of the church of Rome. I encouraged him in embracing the protestant religion, but did not desire him, in particular, to come to hear me at *Glovers Hall*, or at any other place. I had conversed with him several times before Mr. Meredith's Death.

I do remember that Hearne was at the hall, the night Mr. Meredith was buried, but I did not desire any of the people to go to his burial. There were a few people that said they were a going there, but not by my desire. Mrs. Hall said she should be glad to go to the funeral, but stayed to take off the fire. I told her, as she had such a desire to go, she might leave all the doors open, and need not stay on that account. So I immediately took off the fire, shut the doors, and went home. This is proved by Mrs. Pickering's evidence, who called at *Glovers Hall* the same evening about half an hour after 8 o' clock, and also Mrs. Hall's.

It was not in *Tyburn-Road*, but in *Margaret-street*, that I met Hearne that Morning.

I had no talk with him about his religion; only I told Mrs.

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went to Mr. Brown's, and asking him what o' clock it was, and hearing it was twelve, he was afraid to go home, so wandered about the streets till night, and then went to Mr. Bradbury. That Mr. Bradbury knew he was sent on his Master's business; that they called on Mr. Cook, and went together to the chapel in Candler-street, and heard him preach. That then Mr. Bradbury desired Mr. Cook to go home with him, and tell his master, that he could not see the gentleman, nor take the money, till the afternoon; and Mr. Bradbury bid him say, he could not see him all the day. That then he went to Mr. Bradbury's house, and soon after Mr. Bradbury came in, and asked Mr. Cook whether it was true, that he (Hearne) had not been at home? Cook replied, Yes. Upon which, says Mr. Bradbury, we will go along with him; and as they were going up Charterhouse-Lane, he desired Mr. Cook to go along with him, adding, if his master refused to take him in, he would; but his master would not let him come in that night. That then he went to his father's lodgings, who being not at home, he prevailed on his landlord to let him lie in the house. That in the morning he wandered about Charterhouse-Square, and in the afternoon his master took him in again. That Mr. Bradbury desired him to come away, and he would get him another master; upon which he

Carter, where we breakfasted, that Hearne was brought up a papist, but had now embraced the protestant religion. I declare I was not at Mr. Cook's that night, neither did I see any of the family that day; consequently, all that he swears to on this head, is absolutely false. See Mr. Cook's evidence.

I did not know that Hearne had absented himself from his master, till I saw him at Brown's about 9 o' clock that night; and he had never been, at that time, at the house where I live, to my knowledge. See the depositions of Mr. Cook & Mrs. Pickering.

When I saw Hearne the next evening, he declared to me, that he lay with his father the night before, who, he said, had a lodging at a house in Cloth-Fair, for which he paid one shilling per week. I solemnly declare, I never asked him to leave his master's service; but on the contrary, when he has been speaking of the dislike he had to that trade, I have press'd him to give his mind to it, and told him it might be of great advantage to him. I acknowledge that I thought it my duty to inform him, that if he was deserted by his father, and the rest of his popish friends, purely on the account of his embracing the protestant religion, that I would take care he should not want.

I did not ask Whitaker to let Hearne lie at his house, but Whitaker proposed it first. I was often press'd both by Whitaker and his Wife, at Glovers Hall, to go home, and sup and lie at their house. See Mrs. Murray's affidavit and Mrs. Hall's

he (*Hearne*) told his master he did not like the trade, and accordingly left him the same day. That then he went to his sister's in *St. John-street*, where he met his father, who desired him to go to his master, instead of which, he went to one *Newton's* in *Bartholomew's Hospital*, and from thence to *Mrs. Brown's* in *St. John-street*, where he met *Mr. Bradbury*, and told him how matters stood. Said he, *James*, what made you in such a hurry to come away? you should have staid till I had got you a place. That then *Mr. Stephens*, at *Mr. Bradbury's* request, got him a lodging in *St. John-street*; and afterwards desired *Mr. Whitaker* to let him lie at his house, till he could get him another master. That this was of a *Sunday*, and he went to *Mr. Whitaker's* and lay there that night; and that on the *Thursday* night following, *Mr. Bradbury* came, and desired to know if he could lie there. *Mrs. Whitaker* told him, she had but two beds, and supposed he would not chuse to lie with *James*, for his bed was but small. *Mr. Bradbury* said, he would make a shift for once, for he was not very well, and did not care to go home that night.

This conversation, said *Hearne*, was at *Glover's-hall*, and between 9 and 10, the same night, we went to *Mr. Whitaker's*, and lay together; and the candle being put out, he perpetrated the fact charged in the indictment (but with such particulars as are not fit to be repeated,

Hall's. They proposed, some time before, that whenever I did them the favour, as they called it, to go home with them to sup, I should lie there.

As to the account *Hearne* gives of his lying one night in *Mrs. Shore's* garret, and the transactions between him and me at that Time, is all entirely refuted by *Mrs. Pickering's* affidavit.

The next *Tuesday* night, when, he says, we lay together in *Chandler-street*, that night I was at home a little after eleven o' clock.

Hearne swears, that *Mrs. Whitaker* began discourse with him about familiarities between me and *Cook*. *Mrs. Whitaker* swears, that *Hearne* taking a neighbour's child and kissing it, charged me with indecent actions. Any one may easily perceive this contradiction by comparing the evidence of these two witnesses as it stands in the trial.

From this beginning, and some questions they asked the boy, they formed their iniquitous Scheme, which from that time they carried on with so much rancour and inveteracy. *Hearne* charged the *Whitakers* with first beginning with him, and drawing him into the snare; and the *Whitakers* retort the charge on him; and so they swear one against another, as may be seen in the trial.

As to what pass'd between *Mr. Brown* and me, when *Hearne* taxed me with the crime before him, I remember perfectly well, that *Mr. Brown* did swear several times by

repeated, and too gross and foul for a modest ear to hear, as may be seen in the trial.) In the morning we got up and went to Mr. Milward's in Shoreditch to dinner. About a week after this, Hearne said, he lay with him again, pretending he was not well, and it was too far for him to go home; and about a week after, again; in all about four or five times; and every time perpetrated the same fact as he did the first night. That he lodged at Mr. Whitaker's about six weeks, which Mr. Bradbury paid for. After which, he gave him a shilling to go to the register-office, and enter his name, and the next day got a place, at Mr. Mayne's in the Strand, and Mr. Brown of St. John's Street, gave him a character. That he stayed there a month, and was then turned away because he stayed too long of an errand. That then he went to a boarding-school at Kenington where he staid three days, and then went to Mr. Bradbury's lodgings, but Mr. Bradbury was not at home; and being asked, how he came to leave his place, he answered, his father had been there, and told Mr. Mayne, he was an apprentice, upon which he was turned away. They then told him, he might lie at Mr. Kipling's the pew-opener at the chapel. That he lay there that night, and the next morning saw Mr. Bradbury, who asked him why he left his place? He said, because he stayed too long of errands. That Mr. Bradbury desired him

G—d's wounds: yet I do not remember that he bid me hold my tongue. It is very surprizing, that Hearne should know what was in my heart before I uttered it with my lips. It's true, I was exceedingly shocked to hear myself accused of such monstrous crimes; and therefore I did in a most solemn manner call God to witness, that I was entirely innocent of committing any such act. There were two large candlesticks missing at the chapel, and search was made for them. Hearne then had the key, and lay at the chapel. I asked him if he knew where they were. He said, he saw them the Sunday before. I told him I was surprized which way they could be gone, and should be glad if he could inform me where they were, for they were candlesticks which I valued very much; but I never threatened to hang him, or transport him for them.

After this, that is after he had raised such horrible scandal against me, and avouched it to my face, he says, I went and lay with him at the chapel, and offered to commit the same fact with him again. But can any rational man be so credulous as to believe such a bare-faced lie, that after he had been laying such abominable things to my charge, and vilifying my character in such a scandalous manner, I who must necessarily be fill'd with resentment, was so very complaisant as to take another night's lodging with him? See Mrs. Pickering's affidavit, which plainly refutes this falsity.

Hearne swears, he met me in Leicester-fields, in company
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him not to tell Mrs. Shore, but still say, his father had told his master he was an apprentice, and therefore would not keep him : That he boarded at Mrs. Shore's, and lodged at the chapel ; because Mr. Bradbury had told her he was a poor lad, abandoned by his father, and turned off by his master, on account of his religion. That on the *Wednesday* following, Mr. Bradbury having preached a sermon, came down from the pulpit, and when the people were gone, talked bawdy with Mr. Cook.

Some few days after this, Hearne said, being one night at Mrs. Pickering's pretty late, she said, it was too far for him to go to the chapel, and he might lie in their garret. That Mrs. Shore bid the maid go up and fetch the candle after he was a-bed ; but Mr. Bradbury said, he would go and fetch it himself ; which he did, and desired him (Hearne) when every body was a-bed, to come down to him. He did so, and found Mr. Bradbury reading in a large book, and bid him to get into bed, and he would come to him, as he did immediately, and then repeated the same facts he had done at Whitaker's. *Tuesday*, the week after, he said, he committed the same thing with him again at the chapel in *Chandler-street*. That he then went to Mrs. Brown's, where, while he was at supper, and telling her what Mr. Bradbury had done to him, he came in. The reason, he told her was, because

with Mr. Milward and Mr. Hopkins : But this is sufficiently confuted by his own declaration at Glovers Hall, and by the affidavits of those two gentlemen.

Hearne, in answer to the question how he came to lodge at Brown's, says, it was to satisfy them in his account. But before that, they had as full an account of the matter as he could give them : But hearing he had discovered their villainy at Glovers Hall, they thought it the best way, for their own safety, to secure him ; and therefore obliged him to lodge with them, and actually kept him confined six weeks ; as appears from his own evidence on the Trial, and in his second letter to Mr. Fullylove ; as likewise from the affidavits of Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Murray.

As to what Hearne says, that Mr. Whitaker was surprized to see me come to his house, is very improbable, because he could not be unmindful of the frequent invitations they had given me, especially his wife, when I went home with her from the hall.

Hearne swears, that he lay six weeks at Whitaker's house ; yet both Whitaker and his wife depose upon the trial, that James Hearne lay three weeks exactly at their house ; as may be seen in the sessions paper. So here is another flagrant contradiction in their evidence !

Another falsity he swore to upon the trial was, that I was at the expence of his lodging : Whereas he well knew that Mrs. Murray offered to pay for his board and lodging till he could

cause after this, going to Mrs. Whitaker's for Bradbury's linnen, and kissing a child that was there, she said, that was the way Mr. Bradbury kisses Billy Cook. That he had told Mrs. Whitaker what he had done to him before this; after which Whitaker went with him to Brown's, and Mr. Bradbury coming in, he charged him with it to his face. The reason of his telling Mrs. Whitaker, he said, was, because they were talking of Mr. Bradbury's being guilty with somebody else; and asked him, how he came to take so much notice of him; and why he lay awake till four or five o' clock in the morning when he lay with him?

Mr. Bradbury being thus charged, said to Mr. Brown, What must I do to make you believe I am innocent? Mr. Brown, perceiving he was going to make many protestations, bid him hold his tongue. Upon which Mr. Bradbury wished he might drop into the pit of hell, or never enter heaven's gate, if he was guilty; and told him (*Hearne*) he had robbed him of two candlesticks, and if he did not go along with him and look for 'em, he would transport or hang him; adding, that all he had to do was, to clear his character by recanting. That they went and lay together the same night, at the chapel in *Chandler-street*, where he acted upon him the same fact he had done before. But first went up to the house where he lodged, and knocked, and no-

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could get a place. And this is confirmed by Mr. Whitaker himself, who, upon the trial said, that Mrs. Murray paid two shillings per week.

He swears upon the trial, that the reason of leaving his place was, his staying too long of an errand; and yet he tells Mrs. Pickering, that his father had been with his master, and told him he was an apprentice, and thereupon was turned away. See Mrs. Pickering's evidence.

He further deposed upon the trial, that after he left his place, he went to a boarding-school at Kensington, where he stay'd from Friday till Monday: yet he told Mrs. Pickering that he lay one night with a man in the Strand, another night at his aunt's door; and another at this schoolmaster's at Kensington, where he had formerly been at school. See Mrs. Pickering's affidavit.

Hearne swears, that when he came to Mrs. Pickering's, they told him he might lie at Mrs. Pickering's: But what he said to Mrs. Pickering was, that Mr. Kipling would give him leave to set up in his kitchen that night, and which accordingly he did.

The reason why Mrs. Shore entertained him at her house was, because she looked upon him as an object of charity; and finding he was deserted by his father and his other friends, on account of his turning protestant, had compassion on him, and provided for him of her own bounty.

Hearne being asked, if in the information he gave before Justice Fielding, he swore Mr.

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body answering, said, he believed they were all a-bed, I will go and lie with you, *James*. That after he had abused his body (*in a manner too shocking to be here related, but may be seen in the trial*) he said, *James*, your father swears vengeance against you, and that he will knock your brains out. I would have you get away. To which he replied, he would very willingly go abroad.

That the next *Wednesday* night, *Mr. Bradbury* preached at the chapel in *Candler-street*, where were present *Mrs. Pickering*, *Mr. Kipling*, *Mr. Cook*, and himself, and by their threatnings and persuasions prevailed on him to sign a recantation, which see *P. 13*.

That *Mr. Bradbury* then pretended he (*Hearne*) should lie in the chapel no more; and that he should go to *France*; before he went, they had lost the recantation, and desired him to make another. That they confined him in their cellar for three days, for fear of his father and master. That *Mrs. Pickering*, *Mr. Kipling*, *Mr. Cook* and *Mr. Bradbury* came to him in *Kipling's* cellar, where they produced another recantation, which he likewise signed. That *Mrs. Kipling* was dead drunk, and her husband not sober. That the next *Sunday*, *Mrs. Pickering* went with him to one *Colgate* in the *Mincies*, to whom she paid a guinea for his passage to *Dunkirk*. That *Mr. Bradbury* asked him, if he was willing to go abroad, or be delivered up to his father and

Bradbury had entered his body? replied, *Yes*. Now, the information that was laid before justice *Fielding*, where *Stone* and *Hughes* were present, had not a word in it of my committing the crime of sodomy. *Mr. Brogden*, justice *Fielding's* clerk, was ready in court, if he had been called upon, to have proved, that the information given and signed by *Hearne*, was for sodomitical practices, and not for actual sodomy.

Hearne swears, that *Whitaker* asked him, why he lay awake till 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning? *Whitaker* swears, that they went to bed about 11 or 12, and rose again about 9 o'clock, and that they heard no conversation between *Bradbury* and *Hearne* while they were in bed.

Brown swears, that the boy's modesty with held him from declaring in what manner *Mr. Bradbury* had used him. As to his modesty, let any one read the trial, and then judge of what kind it was, or in what instance he discovered it. The character his master *Noakes* gives of him, shows how eminently he was possessed of this virtue, or rather, that the very reverse of it was the most distinguishing line in his features.

But it seems (if *Mr. Brown* is to be believed upon his oath) I was vastly concerned to think I should lose him as one of my people. As to the mighty loss I should have sustained by *Brown* and his family's leaving me, let any one judge from the largeness of his subscription, which was full 20 shillings a year; besides the

and master to be sacrificed. That Mrs. Pickering paid his passage, because Mr. Bradbury was not to be seen in it, for he heard him give her directions about it. That accordingly he went to France, and continued there about a month. That on his return to England, he was employed by a man who made weather-glasses to carry them about to sell. That as he was sitting in Tottenham-Court-Road, Mr. Bradbury came by, but made as if he did not know him. That after he was gone he came back again, and asked a woman who stood

there, where the boy was, for there were three warrants out against him. That afterwards he met Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Millward in Leicesters-fields, who asked him if Mr. Bradbury was guilty? He said, Yes. That he went with him to Mrs. Pickering's house, where they met Mr. Bradbury. That Mrs. Pickering asked him, what he had to say against Mr. Bradbury? That he asked her, if she remembered the night I lay at her house when the fire was at Covent-Garden? She replied, he was so wicked that he dreamt of it; for that night she watched Mr. Bradbury to bed, and came up into the garret, and saw him (Hearne) asleep. That they asked Mr. Bradbury if he would go to Mr. Brown's, where the thing was first mentioned? He said, No, but had rather it should be done at the hall.

Hearne said, he own'd he had sign'd a recantation, yet still insisted Mr. Bradbury was guilty. That then he went to his lodgings in Newtoner's lane, then to Mr. Fielding's, who granted his warrant against Mr. Bradbury, then attended the Grand jury at Hicks's Hall, who found the bill. After which he lodged at Mr. Brown's six weeks; till he was taken away by one Brown a constable, by a warrant which Mr. Bradbury had taken out against him. That the reason of his lodging at Brown's was, that they fetched him hither in order to be satisfied in his account. That the constable having laid hold of him at Mr. Brown's, he and Mr. Bond took him before justice Wright, who asked him if Mr. Bradbury was guilty? That he answered, Yes. That the justice bid him be careful of what he said, or Mr. Bradbury would transport him; for that he had good friends, and himself but a poor boy; and then asked him, if he did not do this out of spite? After some pause, he said he did, and thereupon sign'd a recantation, which Mrs. Pickering

the credit done me of having a gentleman of so excellent a character for one of my subscribers who had once the honour of serving Mr. Monneux of Bedfordshire as a Domestick.

I could point out many more inconsistencies, contradictions, and absurdities, as well in the evidence of Hearne, as the other witnesses that appeared for the prosecution: But as their falsities will more circumstantially appear in the affidavits hereto annexed, I must desire the reader to consult them for his further satisfaction.

ing had drawn up before. That, after this, Mr. *Bradbury* asked him if he would go into the country till the trial came on. That accordingly he sent him to *Dunstable*, and afterwards to *Law-Hall*, at both which places he staid about seven weeks ; and that he had not seen Mr. *Bradbury*, or any of his friends, ever since, except Mr. *Fullylove*, who acted for him.

Hearne having given his evidence, in substance as above related, he was cross-examined by the council on the other side ; which the reader may see at large in the trial ; and of which I shall only mention a few things which more immediately affect me, and will be refuted in the affidavits.

Hearne having affirmed, that he did not know sodomy was a crime, was asked how he came to tell Mrs. *Whitaker*, if he did not think it was such ? He answered, he was convinced of it by a sermon he had heard Mr. *Bradbury* preach against *Sodom* and *Gomorrha* ; after which he told her of this affair. That he promised to recant, because Mr. *Bradbury* threatened to hang him, for two oaths will go beyond his, meaning *Hearne's*. That the reason of his suffering him to use such freedoms with him afterwards was, that he did it when he was in bed, and that he told him he could not bear it ; and that he yielded to it because he was afraid of him, and because he was the only friend he had to stand by him.

Being asked, if he had ever heard of such a crime as sodomy ? He said, No, not before that time. That the contents of the information he had given Mr. *Fielding* were much the same as he had now sworn to.

Being shewn the recantation he had signed at *Glovers Hall*, and that in *Kipling's* cellar, and that before the justice, which last, he said, the justice took down on a bit of paper ; to all which he acknowledged he set his name ; as likewise three letters that were shewn him, he owned to be his own handwriting. See P. 25, 26, 27, 28.

Mrs. *Whitaker* being examined, deposed to this effect, That Mr. *Bradbury* was a methodist preacher, and often came to their house ; that at his request, she had entertained and lodged *James Hearne* three weeks exactly. That Mr. *Bradbury* never wanted to lie at their house before the boy came there ; and that she had never spoke to him before that time. One *Saturday*, coming by himself, a neighbour being there with a child in her arms, he took the child, and fell a kissing it, saying, my dear *Billy* boy ; that she asked him why he called it so ? He said, You don't know what has passed in this house between *Billy Cook* and Mr. *Bradbury*. She said, What ? He reply'd, There had been vile actions committed ; that on *Friday* night *Bradbury* had preached a sermon against sodomy, and lifted up his eyes ; and about half an hour before had been acting the same thing ; but that it was against his will, and Mr. *Bradbury* had

had used him very ill, and that it was in her house. She said, if these were lies, he ought to be severely punished, and bid him hold his tongue, and that she told her husband of it.

Mr. *Whitaker* was then examined, and gave an account how he came acquainted with Mr. *Bradbury*, and how at his request, he entertained the boy at his house, where he lay three weeks in the whole. That since the boy had been gone, he and his wife had often invited Mr. *Bradbury* to come and lie at their house, but that he always excused himself on some pretence or other. That he asked the boy, if Mr. *Bradbury* had been guilty of sodomy with him? The boy said, Yes, at his house. That then he took the boy to Mr. *Brown's*, where the boy again affirmed all he had before said of Mr. *Bradbury*.

Being asked, if the boy said he actually committed sodomy with him, he said, no; only that at his house he did bad practices every night he lay with him. That the last time was in the chapel, about a week before he told him; but did not tell the particulars before his return from *France*; that then he said he had committed sodomy with him all these times. That at first the boy only mentioned bad practices and indecent behaviour.

Mr. *Brown* being called, deposed, that he asked *Hearne* if he knew what it was he accused Mr. *Bradbury* with, and the consequence of accusing a minister of the gospel wrongfully, *Hearne* reply'd, what he had said was true, and then gave an account of what pass'd between Mr. *Bradbury* and him at *Glovers-hall* the night Mr. *Meredith* was buried; and likewise when he lay at Mrs. *Shore's*; and that at the chapel, *William Cook* and Mr. *Bradbury* talked indecently together after the people were gone. That his (*Brown's*) wife being present, he would not describe the fact in plain terms. They continued the debate for near two hours, the one stoutly accusing, the other protesting his innocence. That he expected he would have brought the boy the next day, having appointed Mr. *Whitaker* to come there; instead of which Mr. *Bradbury* sent him an upbraiding letter; and after that, another; upon which he sent for him to come to him, but he never would. After that, he went with Mr. *Stevenson* to *Glovers Hall*, to know the reason of his using him so. He took the boy's father with him, who asked Mr. *Bradbury* what he had done with his son? He answered, he wished he and his son were both hanged, and that he had never known them; and that Mr. *Bradbury* abused him. That he never saw the boy afterwards till he came from *France*, and then found him in *Newton's Lane*; that he took him home, where he worked with him, by his father's consent, and was with him six weeks; that he was taken away by force, and he had never seen him since.

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Mr. *Whitaker* was then asked, if he knew where the boy had been since he left Mr. *Brown*? He answered, he had never seen him from that day to this, nor ever knew where he was.

Hearne was then shewn two papers, being one letter, and asked, whether that was his hand-writing? He replied, Yes. See the letters, P. 25—28.

Francis Higdon said, he lived at Mr. *Brown*'s; that one day Mr. *Bond* and another person came to their house, with a coat, as they pretended, for the boy; that he called the boy down stairs, and when he came into the room, the other person laid hold of the boy's arm, swore an oath, and bid him resist if he dared, and took him away against his will.

Hearne, the father, being called, declared, that he had not seen his son from the time he was taken from *Brown*'s till yesterday, tho' he had made great enquiry after him. That Mrs. *Pickering* told him he was gone to *Russia*; but at last owned she had paid a guinea for his passage to *France*.

The witnesses for the king being all examined, Mr. *Bradbury* was called upon to make his defence. The first witness that appeared for him was Mrs. *Pickering*: But as the evidence she then gave, with many other particulars not mentioned in the trial, are contained in her affidavit hereafter inserted, we must refer the reader thereto.

As to the other four witnesses that were called on his behalf, as their evidence was not impeached, but rather confirmed by *Hearne* himself, we must refer the reader to the trial itself, and to the following affidavits, for what they said in his justification.

Thus have I fairly laid before the public, the strength and force of the evidence against me, together with my remarks and observations, in which I have adher'd to the truth with a scrupulous exactness; and if what I have advanced is true, then consequently, the superstructure which my enemies have erected with so much art and industry, must fall to the ground. If my own testimony (which indeed may naturally be doubted) is not sufficient to clear my innocence; yet surely, when that is supported by a cloud of witnesses of reputable and unexceptionable characters, that man must be of a very uncharitable spirit, to say no worse, who can refuse conviction on such irrefragable evidence.

Granting then that my case is here truly stated,
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what an enormous scene of villainy is here open'd! What horrible works of darkness have been brought to light! Who can read, without astonishment, such a series of abuse, treachery, oppression and false evidence upon oath? Is it not amazing that men, to whom I never did any wrong, should conspire to ruin my reputation and take away my life? What a deplorable instance is this of the depravity of human nature, that is capable of cherishing such a diabolical spirit against a person who never willingly gave offence to any, but on all occasions has shewn his readiness to do offices of kindness to all, as well in temporals as spirituals? But tho' the wicked had laid their snares for me, I must not forget to acknowledge that good Providence, that rescued me from the hands of the oppressor, and snatched me from the jaws of destruction, just ready to devour me. May my soul be ever sensible of the obligation, and my heart filled with gratitude to that infinite Goodness I have experienced on this interesting occasion!

Here follow the affidavits of several of my friends, who, perfectly satisfied and convinced of my innocence, thought it their indispensable duty to give their public testimony on oath of their full persuasion of the injustice I have suffered from the hands of cruel and unconscionable men.

Depositions of the Witnesses, not examined upon the TRIAL.

Mrs. ALLEN's Affidavit.

Johannah Allen, of the Parish of Saint Luke, Oldstreet, in the County of Middlesex, Widow, maketh Oath, and saith, that she this Deponent, some time in the Month of May last, coming out of Mr. Whitfield's Tabernacle near Moor-
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fields, did happen to see *John Whittaker*, of *Woolwich-court*, in the *Great-Minories*, Labourer, in the Presence and Hearing of her, this Deponent, speak certain scandalous defamatory Words against Mr. *Bradbury*, to one Mr. *Stone*, a Baker, in *Fetter-lane*, who seemed very much surprized to hear such Things spoken of Mr. *Bradbury*; and *Stone* said, he never knew any Ill of Mr. *Bradbury*, only he looked upon him to be a proud Man. Then, *Whittaker* said, Mr. *Bradbury* had lain two Nights at his House; *Stone* asked *Whittaker*, how long he had been a Hearer of *Bradbury*? He replied, about a Twelve-month, *Stone* then desired to have some farther Discourse with *Whittaker*, and said, how many Nights do you say Mr. *Bradbury* laid at your House? *Whittaker* replied again, never but two: And this Deponent saith, she is very particular to the Identity of the Discourse that passed between *Whittaker* and *Stone*, it being sworn in Court at the Trial, that Mr. *Bradbury* had lain at *Whittaker's* four or five Nights.

Sworn this 21st Day of *October*
1755, before me at *Islington*.
R. Chamberlayne.

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Mrs. HALL's Affidavit.

E*Lizabeth Hall* of the Parish of *Saint Leonard, Shore-ditch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Widow, maketh Oath, and saith, that she, this Deponent, on the twenty-third Day of *January* last, was at *Glover's Hall*, situate in *Beech-lane*, in the Parish of *Saint Giles, Cripplegate, London*, the Night *James Hearne* said Mr. *Meredith* was buried, and she, this Deponent, is very particular Mr. *Bradbury* did not mention to her the Door going with a Spring-lock, neither did he speak any thing about taking the Key with her, and that she, this Deponent, left the Doors open when she went from the Hall, neither did she hear Mr. *Bradbury* desire any of the People to go to the Funeral. And this Deponent further saith, that Mr. *Bradbury* did not mention to her his Intention to stay to speak with *Hearne* in the Hall; and that some time in *February* last at the Hall, she, this Deponent, saw Mrs. *Whittaker* and *Hearne* go into the Vestry-room to Mr. *Bradbury*, and did hear Mrs. *Whittaker* press Mr. *Bradbury*
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to go home that Night with her to her house, but Mr. *Bradbury* refused and said, he rather chused to go to his own Home, or Words to that Effect; on which Mrs. *Whittaker* bid him good Night, and said *James*, let us go home.

Sworn this 21st Day of *October*

1755, before me at *Islington*. ELIZABETH HALL:

R. CHAMBERLAYN.

Mr. R I G H's Affidavit.

R *Ichard Righ*, of the Parish of Saint *James Clerkenwell*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, maketh Oath, and saith, that he, this Deponent, on or about the thirtieth Day of *June* happened to be providentially at Mr. *Brown's* House, situate in Saint *John's-street*, in the Parish of Saint *Sepulchre's* without, *Middlesex*, in the Presence and hearing of Mr. *Pepper*, Attorney or Solicitor at Law, Mr. *Brown* and others on the Examination of *James Hearne*, who was then the Prosecutor on the scandalous Defamation of Mr. *Charles Bradbury*. Mr. *Pepper* asked the Prosecutor whether Mr. *Bradbury* did ever enter his Body, *Hearne* answered, he attempted but never could; Mr. *Pepper* made this Reply, I don't know how he could, and said he would lay it as bad as he could, the one is Death, and the other is not; and this Deponent further saith, that Mr. *Pepper* went out to *Hicks's-hall* purporting to search or inquire whether the Recognizances were come to the Hall to prepare the Indictment; and that this Deponent is very particular to the Truth of the material Words spoke upon the said Examination, and never afterwards heard any other Examination upon that Occasion; and that he did not know any thing of their Intention of meeting there to examine the Prosecutor before he came to Mr. *Brown's* House, and that he, this Deponent, was there some Minutes before Mr. *Pepper* and others came in on the said Occasion.

Sworn this 17th Day of *October*

1755, before me at the Mansion House, *London*.

RICH. RIGH.

STEPH. THEOD. JANSSEN, *Mayor*.

Mr. JOHN BOND's Affidavit.

JOHNS BOND, of the Parish of Saint Botolph Bishopsgate, London, Silk and Velvet-dresser, maketh Oath, and saith, that he, this Deponent, on or about the seventh of July 1755, being at the House of Mr. John Whittaker, Labourer, situate in Woolwich-court in the Minories, London, where this Deponent heard the said Whittaker declare it was Mr. Bradbury's own Fault that he was prosecuted, for they had appointed to meet Mr. Bradbury at one Mr. Brown's House, situate in Saint John-street, in the Parish of Saint Sepulchre without, in order to accomodate the Affair relating to the scandalous defamatory Words spoken by James Hearne against Mr. Bradbury; but that Mr. Bradbury refused to come, and sent Word he knew himself innocent, and believed God would plead his Cause; and Mr. Whittaker further declared, the Boy James Hearne would or should swear the Fact against Mr. Bradbury, and they would prove Circumstances, and that must hang him. And this Deponent saith, that Whittaker told him, the Boy's Father had been to Mr. Bradbury, and if Mrs. Pickering had given ten Pounds it had been all hushed up and no one would have known any thing of the Matter but themselves. And this Deponent further saith, that on the Monday following he was at said Mr. Brown's House, in Company with Mr. Brown and Wife, Whittaker and one John Bailey; and this Deponent after being there about ten Minutes, Brown ordered the Shop to be shut up, and the Doors lockt; then James Hearne was called down, and after Bailey had sung an Hymn and prayed, that Hearne might overcome Bradbury, there was a written Paper pulled out of the Table Drawer for this Deponent to subscribe one Guinea towards carrying on the Prosecution against Mr. Bradbury. The Subscription List being laid on the Table, which this Deponent was going to sign, but it being late it was deferred signing till next Night; then this Deponent going down Saint John-street, in Company with Bailey and Whittaker, saw an Acquaintance of Mr. Bradbury's, and then Whittaker said, I am afraid Hearne will be taken; and this Deponent says, that Whittaker said, I will remove him To-morrow to a Cottage in the Country for fear

fear he should be taken ; and on *Wednesday* the sixteenth of *July* last this Deponent went in Company with Mr. *Thomas Brown* an Officer, to the House of *Henry Brown*, and desired the Boy, *Hearne*, might be called down Stairs, which *Frances Higden* did, and *Hearne* coming into the Room, this Deponent said, here is the Coat I promised you ; then the Officer said to *Hearne*, I have got a Warrant for you, and you must go along with me, *Hearne* replied, you need not hold me, I will walk along quiet enough, so no one laid hold on him, and he went freely to *Hicks's-hall* Coffee-house Door, where he was put in a Coach and carried before the worshipful Justice *Wright*, to find Sureties to prosecute upon the Indictment laid against Mr. *Bradbury* at *Hicks's-hall* ; before the Justice he first declared Mr. *Bradbury* guilty, and his Worship told him, you need not stand in any Fear, for as you are the King's Evidence, it is my Duty to protect you (and I will.) Mr. *Bradbury* then came in (being sent for) and after some Persons had given their Depositions, his Worship asked *Hearne* if he knew the Nature of an Oath, *Hearne* replied, No. *Hearne* hanging down his Head, wept, and said, Mr. *Bradbury* was innocent, and never had offered any Indecency to him, but that he was instigated by *Brown* and *Whittaker* who seduced him to swear against Mr. *Bradbury*, bidding him first threaten Mr. *Bradbury*, and in case Mr. *Bradbury* would not maintain him, he must swear against Mr. *Bradbury*, and then they would take him up and hang him, and afterwards provide for *Hearne*.

Sworn this 13th Day of *October*
1755, before me,
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Mrs. MURRAY's Affidavit.

Margaret Murray, Wife of *Moses Murray*, of the Parish of Saint *Luke*, *Old-Street*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Glover, maketh Oath, and saith, That she this Deponent, twice on the twelfth Day of *June* last heard *James Hearne* declare Mr. *Bradbury* innocent of what he had charged him with ; and that he was instigated to do so wicked

wicked an Action by *Brown*, of *Saint John-street*, in the Parish of *Saint Sepulchre's*, *London*, and *Mr. Whittaker*, of the *Minories*, who first bid him threaten *Mr. Bradbury*, and if he would not maintain him, they would hang *Mr. Bradbury*, and provide for *Hearne* themselves. Once was at this Deponent's House in *Ironmonger-Row*, and the other Time at *Glovers-Hall*, in the Presence of above 100 Persons. And this Deponent further saith, that on or about the 18th Day of *June* last she went in Company with *Mrs. Pickering* to the House of *Mr. Robert Carmichael*, in *Half-moon-Alley*, *Aldersgate-street*; *Mrs. Pickering* said, Sir, you called at my House, pray what was your Business? He said, About the old Affair: I told you I would call again when you had considered on it. She said, Sir, what do you demand? I don't demand, said he, but I think it would be best to give a Sum of Money and send the Boy out of the Way, that he may not appear against *Bradbury*; for *Brown* and *Whittaker* have got him, and keep him up to swear against *Bradbury*. He being asked by *Mrs. Pickering* how much he would have to compromise the Affair? He said he would go and consult with the Father of the Boy, who lived in his House. After some Time he returned, and said, he had got it as low as he could, but it would not be done under Ten Pounds; and if that was, or might be done, the Boy should then be sent out of the Way. This Deponent and *Mrs. Pickering* then told him, as *Mr. Bradbury* knew himself innocent, and they had great Reason to believe him innocent, they would not give any Thing. He then said, it might be too late for what he knew, for they might be gone with *Hearne* to have him sworn. This Deponent, in Company with *Mrs. Pickering*, went to the House of *Mr. Brown* in *Saint John-street*, where, after trifling Conversation, *Mrs. Brown* proceeded to exclaim against *Mr. Bradbury* for not bringing the Boy to them, that they might have been satisfied; and said, when her Husband heard the Boy had been to *Glovers-hall*, he then was resolved, if he was above-ground, to have him; and that he had been, and found him in *Newton's-Lane*, and brought him to their House. She was asked, if she knew any Thing bad of *Mr. Bradbury*? She replied, we do not, only he once pulled the Chair *James*
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fat in, and said, Why do you not eat? Which, she thought, did not look well. She was asked, what could be the Cause of so much Prejudice against a Person whom she owned she knew no Harm of? She replied, he had put more Persons in the Pew where she sat, than she approved of, and she had not liked him ever since; and added, if Mr. *Bradbury* had not told Mrs. *Shore* and *Pickering* the Story about *James*, it should have been all hushed up, and *Bradbury* not exposed; but now she would tell it wherever she went. And this Deponent further saith, that she hath heard at *Glovers-hall* Mrs. *Whittaker* say, she staid to see if Mr. *Bradbury* would go home with them to lie at their House; but she feared he would not like to go, because her House was too mean; and Mrs. *Whittaker* told her (after Mr. *Bradbury* had lain there) that Mr. *Bradbury* went home with her and lay at her House, and that they had a comfortable Opportunity with Mr. *Bradbury* in singing of Hymns and praying; and she further said Mr. *Bradbury* is very sweet Company, and wished we could have it oftener; and added, that she waited till the People were gone, and then would go to her Husband, who was in the Vestry-Room, and join with him in pressing Mr. *Bradbury* to go home with them that Night, she was resolved to insist upon it; upon which, this Deponent having a Book of Mr. *Bradbury's*, desired her to give it him, and so went home.

Sworn this 17th Day of

Octob. 1755, before
me at the *Mansion-*
house, London.

MARGARET MURRAY.

STEPH. THEOD. JANSSON, *Mayor.*

Mr. MILWARD's Affidavit.

John *Milward*, of the Parish of Saint *Leonard, Shore-ditch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Smith, maketh Oath, and saith, That he, this Deponent, on the 12th Day of *June* last, hearing of the scandalous Defamation *James Hearne* reported of Mr. *Charles Bradbury*, and desirous to know the Truth of the Matter, resolved, if possible, to find out the said *Hearne*; and this Deponent going thro' *Leicester-Fields*, having Business in that Part of the
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Town, happened to see *Hearne* selling Weather-Glasses, asked him how he did, and where he had been? *Hearne* said he had been at *France*. And this Deponent having some Discourse with him, asked him, if Mr. *Bradbury* was guilty of what he had reported of him? *Hearne* replied, he was guilty of some Indecencies. This Deponent asked him, if he chused to drink with him? To which *Hearne* consented, and they went to an Alehouse, at the Sign of the *Red Lyon* in *Oxford-Road*, and left one Mr. *Hopkins* and *Hearne* till he went to speak to Mr. *Bradbury* at his House, and told him he had seen *Hearne*, and asked him, if he was willing he should come to him? Mr. *Bradbury* replied, If you please, with all my Heart. And this Deponent further saith, that he went to the *Red Lyon* to bring the said *Hearne* to Mr. *Bradbury's* House, and in a short Space of Time brought *Hearne* to Mr. *Bradbury*, who was in the Dining-Room. As soon as this Deponent and *Hopkins* came into the Room, Mr. *Bradbury* said, *James; Brown* and *Whittaker* have said many scandalous Things of me, meaning what you told them. I now ask you, did I ever commit Sodomy with you? *Hearne* replied, No; whoever said so? And Mr. *Bradbury* further asked him, Did I ever attempt to commit it? *Hearne* replied, No, you never did. Mr. *Bradbury* asked him, and said, In the Presence of God, did I ever offer any Indecency to you whatsoever? *Hearne* then began to cry, and wring his Hands, and tore his Hair, and said, O! what have I done, in accusing an innocent Man! And said, O that I had taken Mr. *Bradbury's* Advice, then I had never known the Troubles and Hardships I have gone through! and that Mr. *Bradbury* had given him better Advice than ever his Father gave him. And this Deponent farther saith, that he heard *James Hearne* acknowledge that he had been guilty of Sodomy from Eleven Years of Age with the Priests of *France*. And said, O! that he had never been born. And this Deponent asked *Hearne* if he was willing to go to *Glovers-Hall*, to declare the Truth? *Hearne* replied, he would go there or any where else; accordingly *Hearne* and this Deponent, with Mr. *Bradbury* and Mrs. *Pickering*, went to *Glovers Hall*, where he, this Deponent, heard him declare Mr. *Bradbury* entirely innocent of
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What he had charged him with. And *Hearne* said, he was instigated by *Brown* and *Whittaker*; who said, you must first threaten *Mr. Bradbury*, and if he will not maintain you, you must swear against him; for your Oath will be taken before his, and we will hang him, and provide for you. And this Deponent saith, that there was no means used, directly or indirectly, with *Hearne*, to speak in Favour of *Mr. Bradbury*.

Sworn this 17th Day of *October*,

1755, before me at the Man- JOHN MILWARD:
sion House, *London*.

STEPH. THEOD. JANSSON, *Mayor*.

Mr. CHARLES LEW's Affidavit.

CHARLES LEW, of the Parish of Saint Matthew, Beth-nal-Green, in the County of Middlesex, Weaver, maketh Oath, and saith, That he this Deponent, on or about the 25th Day of *July* last, met *Mr. Brown* and his Wife near *Old-street* Church, and after some Discourse *Mrs. Brown*, in a Rage, stamp'd on the Ground, and said, "*Was he* (this Deponent) *such a Fool to believe Mr. Bradbury innocent?*" To which this Deponent replied, He believed he was, and could bring in many Instances to prove it. Then said *Mr. Brown*, I hear *Mr. Bradbury* threatens, when he comes out of Prison, he will not leave a Feather under me; but he (*Brown*) said, he would take Care to have a Feather stick in his Throat; this he repeated two or three Times, by which this Deponent believes *Brown* meant he would have *Mr. Bradbury* hang'd. And this Deponent further ask'd *Brown* if he or *Mr. Whittaker* could lay any Thing to *Mr. Bradbury's* Charge of their own Knowledge? He answered, No. And this Deponent further saith, that he asked *James Hearne* in the *Poultry-Compter* how he came to go to *France*? He replied, he had a Desire to go to see his Sister, whom his Father had kidnapped and sent to that Place, in order to get some Money which was her Property. And this Deponent further asked him, what induced him to go into the Country after his Recantation before the Worshipful Justice *Wright*? *Hearne's* Answer was, he was afraid his Father would kidnap him, or otherwise

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wife destroy him for acting contrary to their Directions (meaning that Brown and Whittaker had wheedled and persuaded him to swear against Mr. Bradbury) so he begged of some of Mr. Bradbury's Friends to take Care of him till the Trial.

Sworn this 13th Day of

October 1755, before

me,

G. WRIGHT.

CHARLES LEW,

Mr. LAWRENCE's Affidavit.

John Lawrence, of the Parish of Saint Botolph, Bishopsgate, London, Undertaker, &c. maketh Oath, and saith, That he, this Deponent, on the 16th Day of July, in the Year of our Lord 1755, hearing Mr. Bradbury was going to apprehend James Hearne, the Prosecutor, upon a Warrant granted by the Worshipful Justice St. Lawrence, to find Sureties to prosecute: And he, this Deponent, with several others, went to Hicks's-hall Coffee-house; from thence the Officer and others went to Henry Brown's, situated in St. John's-street, in the Parish of St. Sepulchre's without, in the County of Middlesex, where the Prosecutor was; and this Deponent being on the opposite Side of the Street, within a few Minutes saw the Officer and one Bond come out with the Prosecutor, without taking hold of him; and he walked willingly to Hicks's-hall Coffee-house-Door, where the Prosecutor went quietly into a Coach, and this Deponent also, and was carried before the Worshipful Justice Wright to find Sureties to prosecute on the Indictment laid against Mr. Bradbury at the Sessions of the Peace at Hicks's hall. At first Hearne said before his Worship, that Mr. Bradbury was guilty, and in a most filthy Manner, whereupon his Worship examined several Evidences there present, who made Oath, that the said Prosecutor had several Times, and in divers Places, declared to them, that Mr. Bradbury was innocent of the Facts laid against him. His Worship, after hearing what the Evidences had sworn, told Hearne, he was sure he could not be the only one concerned in this Plot; and further said, it was best to tell the Truth, and then proposed to send for a Surgeon. Mr. Bradbury then said,

said, Sir, he hath declared to a great many, that Sodomy is what he hath been guilty of many Times in *France*: On which this Deponent said, it will be in vain, Sir, to have him search'd; and you know, said Mr. *Bradbury* to the Prosecutor, I have told you what an heinous Offence it was, which, if not repented of, would ruin both Soul and Body: And you know how I have prayed for you, and with you, that God might let you see your Danger. Upon which he began to cry. Then, says his Worship, do you believe there is a God? Yes, replied the Prosecutor. And do you believe him to be a Rewarder of them that do well, as well as a Punisher of them that do Evil? Yes, replied the Prosecutor. His Worship seeing the Lad to be affected, said, Don't be afraid, nor stand in any Dread, for one Hair of your Head shall not be touched; for as you are the King's Evidence, it is my Duty to support you. His Worship asked the Prosecutor, in the Hearing of upwards of twenty People, many of whom were Strangers, if he knew what the Nature of an Oath was? *Hearne* replied, No. *James Hearne*, says his Worship, look at me, I now ask you, as you stand in the Presence of God, who knows the Secrets of all Hearts, who cannot be deceived, tho' we may, Is Mr. *Bradbury* guilty or not guilty? Then, without any Hesitation, *Hearne* said, Not guilty. Remember what you say; I ask you again, is he guilty, or not? To which he answered, Not guilty; and further said, that he never saw an indecent Action by Mr. *Bradbury* in his Life. And then, agreeable to the Prosecutor's Desire, his voluntary Confession was taken and signed by the proper Hand of the Prosecutor, which are in these Words following; that is to say,

"I, *James Hearne*, do voluntarily, and of mine own Accord, confess, that the Charge I have laid against Mr. *Charles Bradbury* was malicious, ill-grounded, wicked, spiteful, and false: And that the said Mr. *Charles Bradbury* never did, either directly or indirectly, offer any Kind of Indecencies to me, upon any Account whatever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, this sixteenth Day of July 1755. Sign d
"James Hearne."

And this Deponent further saith, that his Worship asked the Prosecutor, what could induce him to so wicked

an Action? The Prosecutor answered, It was Spite, and being instigated by one *Brown* and *Whittaker* to do and say all he had against Mr. *Bradbury*; and said, if Mr. *Bradbury* would not provide for him, that they, *Brown* and *Whittaker*, would hang Mr. *Bradbury* and provide for him themselves. And this Deponent saith, that on *Wednesday* the 10th Day of *September* last, in passing from the Sessions-House to the *Old-Bailey* Coffee-House, at about Ten o'Clock in the Morning, to see the Prosecutor, he saw the Father of the Prosecutor and others about the Door; then he, this Deponent, in the Presence of fifty or sixty People, told the Prosecutor, that his Father, with *Brown*, *Whittaker*, and others, was below; there is the Door, do you chuse to go down to them? To which the Prosecutor said, No. What, said this Deponent, not go to your Father, *Brown*, *Whittaker*, and the rest of them? No, said the Prosecutor, for they have used me ill, in making me swear falsely against Mr. *Bradbury*. And this Deponent further saith, that as he was returning to the Sessions-House he heard a Person say, they were gone to get a Warrant to take the Boy, meaning *James Hearne*; upon which, this Deponent, fearing the Boy, by getting into such Hands, might be prevented from appearing on the Morrow, went and asked Mr. *Woodman*, who was in the Coffee-House, to ask the Prosecutor to go to his House as a Place of Safety till the Morning, which Mr. *Woodman* did, and the Prosecutor seem'd pleased with his Offer, and went to the *Poultry-Compter*. And this Deponent saw the Prosecutor about the Hour of Nine of the Clock that Night, where he seem'd pleased that he now should have an Opportunity publickly to declare him innocent, whom he had so falsely accused. And this Deponent further intreated the said Prosecutor, in as awful a Manner as he could find Words to express himself, desiring him to speak the Truth, and begged and intreated of him not to tell any Lies of *Brown*, *Whittaker*, or any one else, but to speak the Truth, let it be against whoever it would. To which the Prosecutor said, he would, and answered me in these Words; " Mr. *Bradbury* was innocent, and that he was instigated
 " to do and say all he had against him by *Brown* and
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“ *Whittaker*, and others, who promised to do handsome
“ for him ; and that they would hang *Mr. Bradbury*.”

Sworn this 18th Day of

October 1755, before
me, at the *Mansion-
House, London*.

Sign'd JOHN LAWRENCE.

F. COKAYNE.

The Declaration of SAMUEL FULLILOVE.

I, *Samuel Fullilove*, of the Parish of *St. Giles, Cripple-
gate, London*, Ribband-Weaver, do hereby declare,
that on the 20th of *July 1755*, I went to *Glovers-Hall*
to hear *Mr. Bradbury* preach, but to my great Surprise,
when I came there, I heard he was committed to *New-
Prison* ; and I went directly to him, and heard him re-
peat many Things relating to his barbarous Usage. On
Monday the 21st I paid him another Visit, and then heard
that *James Hearne* was released from *Mr. Brown's*, where
he had been kept up (as he afterwards said) six Weeks a
Prisoner : The many Things I heard made me very de-
sirous to come at the Truth of the Matter, and, after
much Trouble, I had the Opportunity of seeing *Hearne*
in *Chick-Lane*, where he hid himself for fear (as he de-
clared) of *Brown's* taking him again ; and I then asked
him, in a solemn Manner, whether *Mr. Bradbury* was
guilty of the Things he had laid to his Charge, or not ?
He replied, he was not guilty. I asked him, if *Mr.
Bradbury* had offered any Indecency to him ? He said, he
never did, and appeared much concerned for the Evil he
had done *Mr. Bradbury*, and desired to go any where till
the Time of Trial, that he might speak the Truth, and
set *Mr. Bradbury* at Liberty. And he told me *Mrs. Stone*
said to him, *James*, when you come to the *Old-Bailey* you
must say, *Gentlemen, as I stand in the Presence of God,*
I wish he may strike me into Hell, if what I have said
against Mr. Bradbury is not true ; which made him, he
said, dread the Day of Trial. Upon his desiring to go,
I went with him that Night a little Way out of Town,
and there wrote a Letter to a Friend at *Dunstable*, and gave
it to a Person that went with him, by which he was received
and taken Care of. Soon after I went to see him, and, in the
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Presence of two Witnesses, I asked him in a solemn Manner, the second time, whether Mr. *Bradbury* was Guilty or Not ? and added, If he is, let him be hanged ; but if innocent, let him be set at liberty. He replied, he was an innocent Person, and never offered an indecent Action to him. I then desired him to tell the Truth, and that only, for that was all I wanted, let Matters be how they would ; for as for Mr. *Bradbury*, I at that time knew but little of him, I had not been above three times in his Company before I saw him in *New-Prison*, and as I looked upon him to be an innocent Man, I thought it my Duty and Privilege to do him all the Service I could. I went to the Boy several Times after, and he often made mention of Mr. *Brown* and *Whittakers* being the Persons that encouraged him to so wicked and barbarous an Action ; and always declared Mr. *Bradbury* was innocent of what he, *James Hearne*, had laid to his Charge. I told him one of the Times I was with him, that I had heard, after he was released from *Brown*, he had said disrespectful things of Mr. *Bradbury* ; immediately, upon my mentioning these Words, he hung down his Head, put his Body into an Agony, and burst into a Flood of Tears, and expressed much Concern, saying, it is false. I that Night, as I had done before, in the Presence of several Witnesses, asked him if Mr. *Bradbury* was guilty ? but he then, as he always did whilst in the Country, declared Mr. *Bradbury's* Innocence, to the entire Satisfaction of several serious Persons ; and one of them came to Town, and would have declared in Court the Truth of what I have here related, if there had been any Occasion for so doing. But that I might not charge my Memory with too much, I desired the Boy to write out an exact Account of the Matter, which he did, and sent it by the Post.

October 11, 1755.

Witness SAMUEL FULLILOVE.

Mary Burchett, Hannah Turner, and
James Steward's *Affidavits*.

MARY BURCHETT, of the Parish of Saint *Mary le Bone*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Spinster ;
Hannah Turner, of the Parish of Saint *Leonard, Shore-ditch*,

Witch, in the said County of *Middlesex*, Widow; and *James Steward*, of the Parish of *Saint Andrews, Holbourn, Middlesex*, Stationer; severally make Oath and say, — And first this Deponent *Mary Burchett*, for herself saith, That she, this Deponent, is Chamber-maid to Mrs. *Shore's*, in *Fitchfield-street*, near *Oxford Market*, in whose House the Defendant lodged and boarded; and *James Hearne* the Prosecutor, being then taken into the said house and kept merely out of charity; and he acting with ill behaviour towards the Defendant, he, the said Defendant, was for turning the said prosecutor out of the said house. And this Deponent heard the said Prosecutor, on that Occasion, express himself in these words; to wit, Let him turn me out of Doors if he will, if he does, I know how to match him. But, notwithstanding, that he was put out of the said House thro' the Defendant's means. And this Deponent *Hannah Turner*, for herself saith, That she, this Deponent, saw the Prosecutor on the fifteenth Day of *June* last, in *Upper Moorfields*, and having some Discourse with him, he, the said Prosecutor, declared he had sworn against the Defendant, and that he would hang him right or wrong; altho' this Deponent saw the said Prosecutor, on the twelfth Day of *June* last, at *Glovers Hall*, when he, the said Prosecutor, in the Presence of this Deponent, and divers other Persons, asked Pardon for the Injury he had done to the Defendant in charging him with any Acts of Indecency, for that he knew him to be an innocent Man, and that he was set on by Mr. *Brown*. And this Deponent, *James Steward*, for himself, saith, That he was in Company with *James Hearne* the Prosecutor, and having heard that he had accused the Defendant with Sodomitical Practices, he expostulated with him concerning such Accusation as he had fixt on the Defendant; and in discourse asked him if the Defendant ever attempted any indecent Action to him? He declared, not in the least; that he had laid with him in Bed twice; and that he in the two Nights never attempted any indecent Action. But this Deponent asked him, if he did not throw his Arm over him, by mistake, in his Sleep, or such like, that might occasion him to raise such Report? He replied, No, not so much as that; but the cursed *Browns* and some others, had set him on to do it; and who

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who had persuaded him to expose him if he would not give him Money.

All sworn at my House
in *Chancery Lane*, the
19th Day of *August*,
1755, before me,
D. RYDER.

MARY BURCHET.
HANNAH TURNER.
JAMES STEWARD.

Mr. HOPKINS's Affidavit.

John Hopkins, of the Parish of *St. Leonard, Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Turner; maketh Oath and faith, That on the twelfth Day of *June* last, he, this Deponent, was in *Leicester fields*, where he saw *James Hearne* the Prosecutor, and having some Discourse with him concerning the Defendant, he this Deponent, having heard that the Prosecutor had accused the Defendant with Indecencies; when first he pretended, that he had been guilty of Acts of Indecency with him. And this Deponent, having occasion to go into *Oxford Road* about some Affairs he had there; the Prosecutor offered to go with him, which he accordingly did; and when they came there, they agreed to go into *St. John-street* over the Fields, and coming along the Street where the Defendant boarded and lodged; he, this Deponent, being willing to know the Truth of what the Prosecutor had asserted; and he seeing one *Mrs. Pickering* at the Door of the House where the Defendant lodged, she requested this Deponent to come over into the said House, it being her Mother's House; when the Prosecutor came along with this Deponent, on which, this Deponent asked, if the Defendant was within? When he was answered, he was; and on seeing of him, he related what the Prosecutor had alledged against him. When the Defendant asked him to the Effect following; to wit, *James*, did I ever commit Sodomy on your Body? To which he answered, No. Did I ever offer any such Thing to you? He answered again, No; and burst out into Tears; and wished he had never been born. What is it then, *James*, you charge me with? Nothing at all. On which the Defendant asked him in manner following; to wit, *James*, what

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what can you do to restore my Character, for you have ruined me therein? or words to that Effect, or the like. To which he answered, he would do all that lay in his Power; and being told that he could do no other than go to *Glovers Hall* (a Place where the Defendant, who is a *Dissenting Minister*, often preaches) and make a public Recantation of what he had so falsely and injuriously asserted of him, and concerning the said Defendant, which he readily consented to do; and accordingly did. And being asked the Reason of such his false Accusation? he said, Mr. *Brown* and his Wife had desired him to threaten the Defendant, and said, if he would not provide for you, you shall swear it against him, and we will hang him, and provide for you ourselves. And this Deponent further saith, That on, or about the eighteenth Day of *June* last, he, this Deponent, was at the House of Mr. *Brown* in *St. John-street*, where was present *Elizabeth* the Wife of *Thomas Stone*, Mr. *Brown* and his Wife, and the Prosecutor, when the said Mrs. *Stone* asked this Deponent, why he did not bring the Boy (meaning the Prosecutor) to *Brown's* House, instead of going to *Glovers Hall*? To which this Deponent replied, he never bias'd the Boy neither one way or the other; on which Mrs. *Stone* said, she believed the Boy to be a Liar; but notwithstanding, the Boy should stand Trial, and she would go with him to Justice *Fielding* and take a Warrant against the Defendant, and asked this Deponent to go along with her, but he refused.

Sworn at my House in

Chancery Lane, the

19th Day of *August*,

1755, before me,

D. RYDER.

JAMES HOPKINS.

Mr. COOKE's Affidavit.

William Cooke, of the Parish of *St. James*, in the Liberty of *Westminster*, Gentleman, maketh Oath, and saith, that he, this Deponent, some time in the Month of *November* last, saw *James Hearne* in Conversation with Mr. *Bradbury*, at the Chapel in *Ghandler-street*, *Oxford-Road*; and he, this Deponent, heard *Hearne* say, he had been brought up in *France* for a Roman Catholic

tholic Priest ; Mr. *Bradbury* then asked to see some of his Books, and accordingly *Hearne* brought some Books about a Week after, and in the Presence of this Deponent, first tore one, and afterwards burnt it. And this Deponent saith, that he has been in Company with *Hearne* and Mr. *Bradbury* several Times, at the Chapel and other Places, and he *never saw any* Indecency in Word or in Action, pass between them, but at all Times, when he was present, their Discourse was about religious Matters. And this Deponent further saith, that *James Hearne* was never at this Deponent's House, to the best of his Knowledge, neither was Mr. *Bradbury* there that Night that *Hearne* swore he was, on the Trial at the *Old-Bailly* ; for that Night he, this Deponent, went in Company with his Father and Mother to the Chapel in *Chandler-Street*, and had not seen either *Hearne* or Mr. *Bradbury* that Day, till he went to Chapel, where he first saw *Hearne* ; and after he had been there about ten Minutes Mr. *Bradbury* came in, and asked *Hearne* how he came there ? *Hearne* replied, he came on an Errand for his Mistress to her Cousin, in *King-Street, Golden-Square*, and had run that he might hear that Night's Sermon. Mr. *Bradbury* then told him what a bad Thing it was to stay on an Errand, and calling this Deponent out, desired him to go home with *Hearne*, for he was afraid he had ran away from his Master ; to which this Deponent consented, and went with *Hearne* ; going down *Oxford-Road*, *Hearne* told him, he had not been home all that Day, neither would he go home any more, because he had been walking with two Women all Day about the Streets, and his Master would kill him. He, this Deponent, then advised him to go home (telling him the longer he staid out, the worse it would be) as the best Thing he could do, and acknowledge his Fault : *Hearne* went with this Deponent as far as *Brown's* in *St. John-street*, but would go no farther. Mr. *Brown* and Wife, Mr. *Stephenson* and this Deponent, all persuaded *Hearne* to go to his Master again. Mr. *Bradbury*, in about an Hour after, came in ; and this Deponent informed him of *Hearne's* being run away, so he likewise joined to persuade him also, and insisted on his going home, for his Master would not refuse him. And this Deponent further saith, that he went with
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Hearne into the Court where *Mr. Noakes*, his Master, lived; but he never was in the House, nor ever spoke to *Mr. Noakes*, nor ever saw him, to the best of his Knowledge, as *Hearne* swore upon the Trial this Deponent went in and told his Master. *Hearne* then sent in some Money he had received, but was refused Admittance. *Hearne* then went back to *Mr. Bradbury*, who advised him to go to his Father, and get him to go to his Master; and he accordingly went towards his Father's, and this Deponent and *Mr. Bradbury* went together as far as *Golden-Square*, where they parted, and this Deponent went home. Whereas it was sworn on the Trial that some Things had passed between *Mr. Bradbury* and this Deponent in the House of *John Whittaker*, this Deponent saith, he never was in the House of *John Whittaker*, nor ever saw *Mr. Bradbury* near the said House. And whereas it was sworn by *Hearne* upon the Trial. that *Mr. Bradbury* bid this Deponent go behind the Chapel, and dig a Hole in the Ground, &c. This Deponent declareth that this is also false, for *Mr. Bradbury* never mentioned a Hole in the Ground, or any thing relating thereto. And whereas *Hearne* swore he did not know what Sodomy was; this Deponent declareth, that he heard *Hearne* say, (on *Mr. Bradbury's* insisting to know the Reason of his leaving his Place) crying, if *Mr. Bradbury* would not be angry with him, he would tell him the Truth, which was, that he had lain with a Man, and had committed Sodomy; which was the Reason of losing his Place, and that he had been taught such Practices, ever since he was eleven Years of Age, by the Priests of *France*. And this Deponent further saith, that on or about the seventeenth Day of *July* last, he heard *Hearne* say, that *Mrs. Stone* said to him, *James*, when you come to the *Old Bailey*, you must say, Gentlemen, as I stand in the Presence of God, I wish he may strike me into Hell, if what I have sworn against *Mr. Bradbury* is not true.

Sworn this 28th Day of *October*, 1755, before me,
JO. ST. LAWRENCE.

WILLIAM COOKE.

Mrs. PICKERING's Affidavit.

E*Lizabeth Pickering*, of the Parish of *St. Mary-le-bone*, in the County of *Middlesex*; maketh Oath, and saith, that she, this Deponent, about the latter end of *January* last, was told, *James Hearne* was deserted by his Father, on account of turning Protestant, and by his Master, for committing some Indiscretions. This Deponent desired to see him, and he (*Hearne*) then appeared to her as a real Object of Charity. That on *Thursday January* the 23d this Deponent called at *Glovers-Hall*, in *Beech-lane*, about half an Hour past Eight, and there found the Doors of the Hall locked, and went immediately home; *Mr. Bradbury* came almost as soon as this Deponent, and she verily believes that it was not above five or ten Minutes after. That this Deponent made Application to the Register-Office in the *Strand*; and agreeable thereto, a Place offered for *Hearne* at *Mr. Maine's*, Haberdasher, in the *Strand*. *Mr. Henry Brown*, of *St. John-street*, gave *Hearne* a Character, by which he got the Place. This Deponent farther saith, that about the latter End of *March*, *Hearne* came on a *Monday-Night*, where this Deponent lived, and said his Father had been to his Master's, and told him he was an Apprentice, and by that means he lost his Place, which he said he had left the *Friday* before; then this Deponent asked *Hearne* how he had spent his Time since he left his Place? he answered, that on the *Friday* Night he lay with a Man in the *Strand*, and on *Saturday* he went to his Aunt, who (he said) late at Night turned him out of Doors, and that he lay on the cold Pavement all that Night, and made a foul Shirt his Pillow, which, he said, was taken from him whilst he slept; that on *Sunday* Night he lay with his Master, with whom he had formerly been to School at *Kensington Gravel Pits*. This Deponent saith, that she told *Hearne*, she had no Place where he could lie. *Hearne* replied, he had been at *Mr. Kipling's*, who gave him the Offer of sitting up in his Kitchen that Night, if he could get no Lodging. This Deponent advised him to accept the Offer, promising him to speak for him to *Mr. Bradbury*, to let him lie in a Bed which is in one of the Rooms at the Chapel in
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Chandler-street. This Deponent saith, when Mr. *Bradbury* came home, she, with some Entreaty, obtained his Permission, on telling him the Story, as *Hearne* had told it to her; and from that time he had the Run of the Kitchen, and behaved in an orderly manner, but was always exclaiming against the Falacy of the *Romish* Priests, representing them as being guilty of all manner of Wickedness, under the Mask of Religion; and further said, as they were debarred the Company of Women, they practised and taught their Pupils the Sin of Sodomy, and (the Priests) had practised it on him at eleven Years of Age. This Deponent farther saith, that some time in *April* last, there was the Appearance of a great Fire, she desired *Hearne* to go and see where it was; he returned, after staying a great while, in a very wet Condition, for it rained very hard. This Deponent ordered him to eat his Supper, leave his wet Cloaths in the Kitchen, and go up in the Garret to-bed. This Deponent saith, the Reason of her so doing was, fearing he might get cold, as he had no Person to provide for him, for he represented his Father and his Papist Friends, as the most brutish of the human Species; this was on a *Saturday* Night.—Some time after Mr. *Bradbury* came home, this Deponent told him, she had sent *James* to-bed in the Garret; he did not seem pleased with her Conduct. When the Family were going to-bed, this Deponent desired Mr. *Bradbury* to take the Boy's Candle, which she had ordered him to set on the top of the Stairs, as there was Linnen laying about the Room. This Deponent saith, she went almost up to the Garret after Mr. *Bradbury*, and her Mother was some few Stairs behind her, and to the best of her Knowledge, Mr. *Bradbury* did not enter the Garret, but took the Candle off the upper Stair, for she was talking to him as he went up, so if *Bradbury* had spoken to *James*, this Deponent verily believes she should have heard him, were it ever so softly, besides the Bed is about six Yards from the Stairs. Mr. *Bradbury* went down to his Room, and she and her Mother to their Apartment; at six the next Morning, this Deponent, went into the Garret to call *James*, telling him to rise immediately, for if Mr. *Bradbury* came down first, he might depend upon having his Huffings. *Hearne* not coming down 'till some time after,
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her Aunt called and told him, Mr. *Bradbury* was stirring, upon which, *Hearne* came down immediately. And this, Deponent farther saith, that some time after, Mr. *North*, Peruke-maker, in *Thames-street*, came to dine with her, and seeing *James* laying the Cloth, enquired about him; this Deponent and Mother told Mr. *North* what *Hearne* had told them, as to his being deserted by all his Friends. He wanting an Apprentice, made a Proposal of taking him as such, provided any Person would give five Pounds with him, and find him in Cloaths for the Time of his Apprenticeship. This Deponent's Mother readily agreed to the Proposal, in case the Business was agreeable to *Hearne*. Mr. *North* asked if he was ever bound? He answered, No, but that he had been upon Liking to a Watch-maker, under Articles for a Year, but he could not take to the Business, and seemed fond to be a Peruke-maker. This Deponent further saith, that when Mr. *Bradbury* came home, she acquainted him with her Mother's Intention to put *James Hearne* Apprentice to Mr. *North*, and would give five Pounds with him, and allow forty Shillings a Year to find him in Cloaths; but Mr. *Bradbury* did not seem pleased at her Mother's kind Intention. And this Deponent farther saith, that she asked Mr. *Bradbury* his Reasons why he did not seem pleased with her Mother's Intention to serve the Boy? Mr. *Bradbury* then said, he was afraid he would corrupt Mr. *North's* Apprentices; for that he had declared to him he had lain with a Man in a Court in the *Strand*, with whom he had committed very filthy Actions. Then this Deponent call'd *Hearne* up, and *Bradbury* told it before his Face, which *Hearne* did not deny, but behaved with amazing Confidence; on which she told her Mother, who desired her to turn him about his Business. Mr. *Bradbury* went down with this Deponent and delivered the Message; on which *Hearne* behaved very insolent, and after she departed the Kitchen, the Discourse passed between him and *Mary Burchett*, as she swore upon Trial. This Deponent farther saith, that on *Tuesday, April 15*, Mr. *Bradbury* came home very ill, and she then let him in; he went into the Parlour to her Mother. This Deponent was going down Stairs, her Mother call'd, saying, Mrs. *Pickering*, make Haste, Mr. *Bradbury* is going into

a Fit; when this Deponent came into the Room, he was falling out of the Chair; and as soon as he came to himself, this Deponent asked him, what had caused this Uneasiness? All the Answer she could get was, "O that wicked Boy! O that wicked Boy! She answered, What Boy do you mean, *James*? He said, Yes. She then asked him, what had he done? This Deponent's Mother then went to Mr. *Bradbury*, and said, My dear Friend, if you have any Regard for me, tell me what has afflicted you? After some short Space, he said, *James Hearne* had accused him with indecent Actions at *Brown's House*. She, this Deponent, being ignorant of what it could be, and not supposing that a Man like Mr. *Bradbury*, who was married at seventeen Years of Age, and had been Father of four or five Children, could be guilty of any indecent Action with his own Sex, therefore she was very importunate to know what Mr. *Bradbury* was charged with: He answered he was charged with indecent Actions, which he was a Stranger to; and further said, that the Boy had followed him and begg'd his Pardon, and declared he was set on to say all that he had said against him. Mr. *Bradbury* still continued ill; this Deponent, with some Trouble and Assistance, got him to Bed, and staid with him till between Three and Four in the Morning, (tho' *Hearne* swore this was the Night he lay with Mr. *Bradbury* at the Chapel in *Chandler-Street, Grosvenor-Square*). On the 16th of *April* last this Deponent heard *James Hearne* recant all he had before said, and on *April 18*, as she declared on the Trial, this Deponent had often heard *Hearne* repeat his Intentions of going to *France* to his good Friend Dr. *Holden*: He accordingly went to find out his Cousin, who, he said, carried Passengers from *London* to *Dieppe*, but he was failed; then, *Hearne* said, he went to Capt. *Kilby* in *Horslydown*, who would not carry him under a Guinea: He mentioned this before Mr. *Bradbury*, and seem'd to address himself to him, but Mr. *Bradbury*, in positive Terms, told him he would not advance one Farthing: One standing by, desired this Deponent to mention it to her Mother, which she at first declined; but seeing the Distress of the unhappy Youth, who said, he was deserted by all that knew him: She, this Deponent, spoke to her Mother of it, who, after well

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well considering his deplorable Condition, gave a Guinea to pay his Passage; but this Deponent first advised him to go to his Father; he answered, his Father would murder him: She then advised him to apply to *Brown's* and *Whittaker's*, but he refused, saying, they knew he had discovered their Wickedness, and they would now do nothing for him. This Deponent farther saith, that she heard *Hearne*, in the Presence of Mess. *Milward* and *Hopkins*, declare in the Dining-Room where this Deponent lives, Mr. *Bradbury* entirely innocent of what he (*Hearne*) had laid before to his Charge. Mr. *Bradbury* asked him what he laid to his Charge? *Hearne* replied, Nothing. But after some Hesitation, said, You lay with me at the Chapel, and was guilty of some Indecencies: He was asked when? He answered, That Night he had been charging *Bradbury* at *Brown's*. She, this Deponent, asked him, whether he was sure it was that Night? He said, Yes. Now, said this Deponent, I know you are a Liar, for that Night I sat up with Mr. *Bradbury* till three or four o'Clock the next Morning: Did you, said *Hearne*? I really thought he lay with me; well then, I certainly dreamt it! This Deponent then replied to *Hearne*, You are a wicked Wretch, and have filthy Dreams. Mr. *Bradbury* insisted *Hearne* should say what he had against him; this Deponent said she would go out of the Room and return when he had done: *Hearne* begged her not to go away, for *she knew as well as he*. She, this Deponent, replied, if Mr. *Bradbury* did no worse than what she knew of, he never did any Harm. Then *Hearne* replied, he never saw any Indecency by Mr. *Bradbury*, and cried, wishing he had never been born; for he had accused an innocent Person, and his best Friend, who had been better to him than ever his Father was. He seemed in great Agonies, wishing he had taken the Advice Mr. *Bradbury* had gave him, and declared concerning *Brown's* and *Whittaker's*, as this Deponent declared on the Trial; on which Mess. *Milward* and *Hopkins* seemed much surprized at what *Hearne* had related. These Gentlemen said to *Hearne*, did you not tell us coming up the Street, that you had seen bad Actions between Mr. *Bradbury* and Mr. *Cook*? No, said *James*, I did not. Why, said they, will you tell such Lies to our Faces? Oh! yes, says *Hearne*,

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Hearne, I recollect I did; but it was Lies, for I never saw any Indecency of any Kind by either of them. Then one of the Gentlemen present, asked him if he was willing to go to *Glovers-Hall*, and there declare the Truth? Which he chearfully consented to. In going over the Fields, *Mr. Bradbury* said, *James*, you have ruined my Character. *Hearne* answered, Sir, you have one Comfort left, that is, that God that made you, knows you are innocent. This Deponent farther saith, that on the 14th of *June* last, one *Robert Camichail*, and *Richard Hearne*, Father (or reputed Father) of *James Hearne*, came, as sworn upon the Trial, to this Deponent's Mother's House, and desired a Sum of Money to stop the Prosecution. And this Deponent on, or about the 17th of *June*, went in Company with *Mrs. Murray* of *Ironmonger Row*, to *Mr. Brown's* House in *St. John's Street*, when, after some Discourse, *Mrs. Brown* began to exclaim against *Mr. Bradbury* for not bringing the Boy to their House; and said, when her Husband had heard *Hearne* had been at *Glovers-Hall*, he was resolved to have him if he was above Ground; and that *Mr. Brown* went in Pursuit of him, and found him in *Newtoners-Lane*, and brought him home with him: This Deponent then asked *Mrs. Brown* if she knew any Thing ill of *Mr. Bradbury*, she replied, no, only that he once pulled the Chair that *James* sat on, and asked him why he did not eat, which she thought had not a good Look. She was then asked the Reason of so much Prejudice against a Person she knew no Harm of. She said she had not liked him some Time past, for he was covetous, and put more Persons into the Pew than she approved of, and that she had entertained a bad Opinion of him ever since, and that if *Mr. Bradbury* had not told the Story to *Mrs. Shore*, and this Deponent, it would have been all hushed up amongst themselves, but, now, (*Brown*) would tell it wherever she went. This Deponent farther saith, that on or about the 18th of *June*, she went in Company with *Mrs. Murray* to *Camichail's* House, in *Half-Moon-Alley*, near *Aldersgate Street*, to know what Sum they demanded. *Camichail* then told this Deponent, he thought it best to give a Sum of Money, and send the Prosecutor out of the Way. This Deponent asked him what Sum he required to compromise the Affair? He answered he

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would go and consult with the Prosecutor's Father, which he accordingly did; and after some Time returned, and said it could not be done for less than ten Pounds, and if that was complied with, the Prosecutor should not appear against Mr *Bradbury*; and farther said, *Brown* keeps him to swear against *Bradbury*. And this Deponent then told him, as Mr. *Bradbury* knew his Innocence, he would not give one Farthing. This Deponent farther saith, from the 12th of *June*, she never saw *Hearne* till *July* the 16th; he was then coming down *St. John's* Street with two Men no one having hold of him; he went quietly into a Coach; and this Deponent followed in another, to Justice *Wright's* in *Wardour Street, Soho*. *Hearne* was taken by Virtue of a Warrant from Justice *St. Lawrence*, in order to find Sureties to prosecute, he being deemed a Vagrant. Mr. *Bradbury's* Attorney advised it would be best, supposing the Boy would not appear. When he came before the Justice, he was asked if he was the Boy that found a Bill of Indictment against Mr. *Bradbury*? He answered, Yes. The Justice asked him, if he was bound over to prosecute? He replied, No. And this Deponent saith, that she heard *Hearne*, before the Justice, declare Mr. *Bradbury* entirely innocent of the Charge he had laid against him, and that he did it out of Spite, and at the Instigation of the aforesaid *Browns* and *Whittakers*. The Justice then asked *Hearne*, if he knew the Nature of an Oath? He replied he did not. Also this Deponent farther saith, that *Hearne* was not intimidated; but that the Justice treated him in a very tender Manner, assuring him that he had a Right to his Protection, as he was a King's Evidence, and desired *Hearne* to speak nothing but the Truth, and at the same Time assured him, not a Hair of his Head should be hurt, telling him he knew nothing of Mr. *Bradbury*, neither did he ever to his Knowledge, see Mr. *Bradbury* in his Life before that Night: And this Deponent farther saith, that she heard *Hearne* say, that he was locked up in *Brown's* House, and that they had almost starved him; but promised after Trial they would cloath him, and take him an Apprentice; he also told of their frequent Meetings, to consult what was to be done against Mr. *Bradbury*, and of their opening a Subscription to carry on a Prosecution, &c. And this Depo-

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Deponent farther saith, that she heard *Hearne* declare, that one *Mrs. Stone* advised him to swear the Fact against *Mr. Bradbury*, and hang the Rogue, or Dog, out of the Way: And advised him when he came to the *Old-Bailey*, to say, "Gentlemen, as I stand in the Presence of God, whom I wish may strike me into Hell, if what I have said is not true." And also, this Deponent farther saith that she heard *Hearne* say, that the Attorney or Solicitor, whom they brought, told him he would be laughed at by the Jury, for swearing an Attempt only, and that he had better swear the Fact against *Mr. Bradbury*. And this Deponent farther saith, that *James Hearne* was not at her Mother's House, where *Mr. Bradbury* lives, at the Time he swore upon the Trial he was there.

And this Deponent further saith, that *Mr. Pickering* was not in *England* at the Time *James Hearne* swore he, *Pickering*, called him Names.

Swore before me this 31st

of *October* 1755, at *Is-* ELIZABETH PICKERING.
lington in the County
of *Middlesex*.

R. CHAMBERLAYNE.

Johanna Allen and Isabella Ware's Affidavits,

J *Johanna Allen* and *Isabella Ware*, they, these Deponents farther make Oath and say, that on the 16th Day of *July* last, they saw *Mr. Brown* and his Wife and *Mrs. Stone*, a Baker's Wife in *Fetter Lane*, with several others, come to *Glovers-Hall*, and there behaved in a very riotous Manner, striking several Persons going out of the Hall. And these Deponents farther declare, that they heard *Mrs. Brown* say in a great Rage, we will hang your Parson, meaning *Mr. Bradbury*.

Sworn before me Oc-

tob 13, 1755.

G. WRIGHT.

JOANNAH ALLEN.

ISABELLA WARE.

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